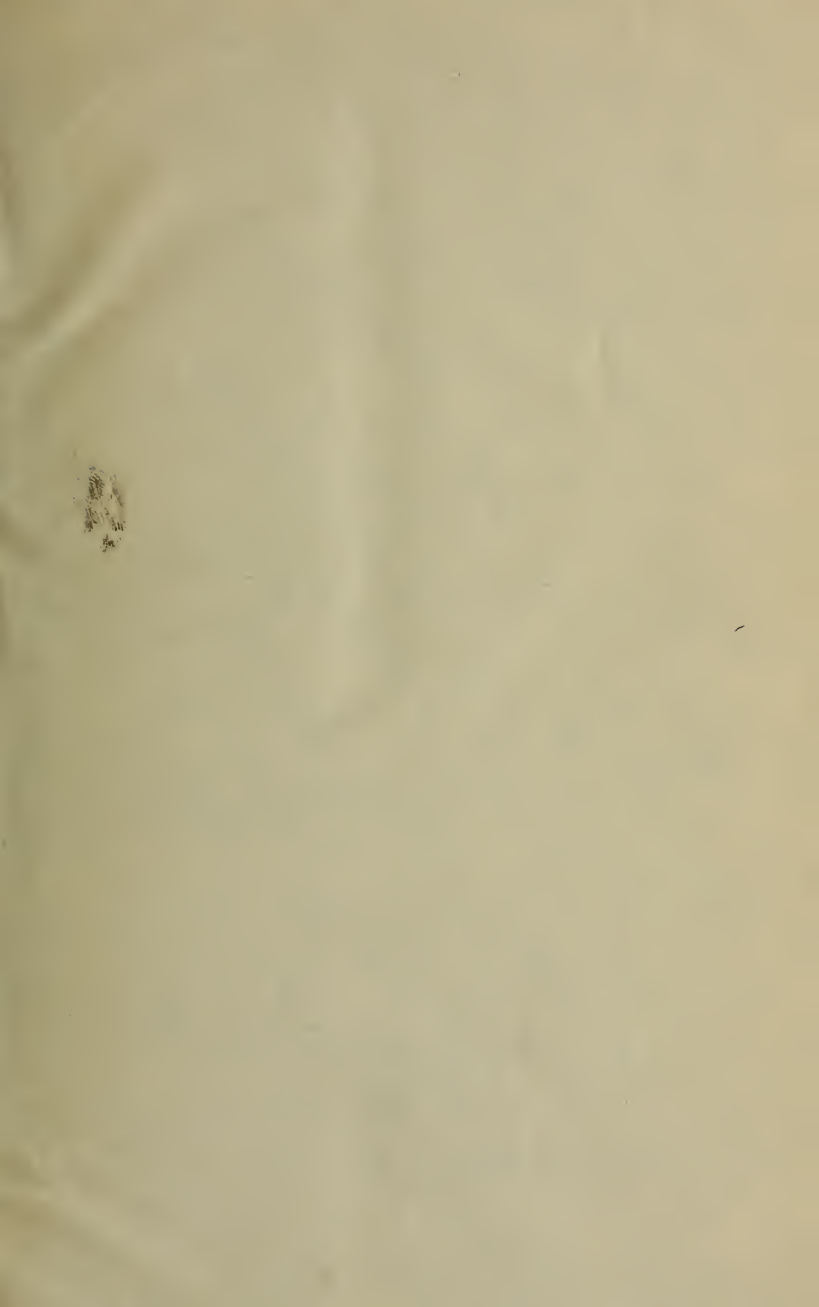


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SEVENTEENTH GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Public Library Committee have satisfaction in approving the following Report of the City Librarian on the working of the Library for the year ending the 31st May, 1910:—

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Seventeenth Annual Report, and briefly summarise the chief results to be found fully set forth in the Tables presented herewith.

The total Book Stock now consists of 31,876 items, a net gain of 1,336 during the year.

In the Lending Library the Stock is now 20,637 volumes, giving a net increase of 522. No less than 1,256 volumes have, however, been added, as 382 were supplied to replace worn-out books, and 347 others were withdrawn, being out of print or no longer of sufficient interest to justify replacement. This yearly weeding-out has the effect of keeping the Stock smaller than it might be otherwise made to appear, but it is better to have a smaller collection of live books rather than an accumulation of Works which have no interest in the present day, and no particular value of a literary or local character, on which further expenditure would have to be incurred. As the Tables shewing the proportions of the Lending Library Stock and the Class Additions which I gave in last year's Report were found specially interesting, I give here the following Table, shewing a comparison of the Lending Stock for the two years and the effect of the changes during the last twelve months:—

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				Lending Library Stock.	
				1909.	1910.
A.	Religion and Philosophy	...	...	5.555	5.732
B.	Biography, History	...	...	15.903	16.059
C.	Geography, Travel, etc.	...	...	5 244	5.461
D.	Arts, Sciences, Technology, etc.	...	...	14.049	14.735
F.	Fiction	...	...	34.183	32.686
G.	Poetry and the Drama	...	...	2.550	2.563
H.	Essays and Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	10.176	10.263
J.	Juvenile Literature of all Classes	...	...	12.331	12.501

It will be seen that the reduction in Class F (Prose Fiction) which was noted last year is still being continued, whilst the other Classes are without exception being increased.

In the Reference Library there is now a Stock of 9,386 volumes, exclusive of 313 unbound Pamphlets, 786 Blue Books, and a number of unbound Magazines and other matters. The Reserve Stock now contains 754 volumes. A gratifying feature is the steady growth of the Local Collection. This, though rather doubtfully regarded by some as being somewhat of an effort to form a Local Literary Museum, is proving to be a really useful work, interesting and helpful to many in the present, and likely to be of incalculable value to the historical enquirer in the future. Such a Collection as I contemplate cannot be got together without much trouble and some expense, and even then only gradually during many years, but the additions during the past twelve months shew satisfactory progress.

In the Lending Library the Issues shew a decrease, having fallen from 167,080 to 158,393. The two Classes in which the decrease has occurred are those of Fiction and Juvenile Books, the more solid Classes having an actual increase over the previous year's figures. Fluctuations are always difficult to explain with any certainty, but I am of opinion that the increased attention given to sports and recreations, which also, like our Issues, fluctuate in popularity, has had a considerable effect, the time left for reading by those taking part in them being lessened when some particular form of amusement is being boomed. The reading of a book therefore takes a longer period, though the habit of reading is not wholly given up. This view is supported by the fact that the number of Fines paid during the year is greater by 435 than the previous year's total of 4,889, being 5,324. It is further confirmed by the Table of Issues, which shews that in each of the last four months of the year (February, March, April and May) the daily average was really greater than during

the same months of the previous year, indicating a return to the normal habit. This increase, occurring at the time of the reported waning of enthusiasm for a certain form of recreation which had become exceedingly popular, supports my view that the decrease may be regarded as a merely temporary one. Probably the enormous output by publishing firms of cheap reprints which has marked the year has also had some effect. In the end that will have no continuing adverse influence upon the work of Public Libraries, for the habit of reading grows, and the more books people have the more they are inclined to see and read. Whilst they may to some extent supply themselves with cheap Fiction, they will be certain to look to the Libraries for the more costly books of a more strictly educative kind. What I most regret is the reduction in the Issue of Books in the Juvenile Library, for I feel very strongly that the attachment of the Juvenile reader to the Public Library is the strongest security for his continued interest in Books and in the further education that is open to him after he has left school. It would appear that a larger number are transferring themselves from the Juvenile to the Senior Library than are being replaced by other young children from the Schools.

The Reference Library continues to grow in public favour, the recorded use being 11,511 as against 8,920. The unrecorded use is undoubtedly much larger than it has been previously. Much of the work done cannot be tabulated, and readers are frequently served without the necessary particulars being retained; but it is satisfactory to note an increased interest and use by Visitors of all classes and occupations, and my confidence in the ultimate recognition of its great value as a centre of educational usefulness which is necessary to a large population is yet more assured.

The work of Classifying the contents of both Reference and Lending Libraries, and of publishing Class Lists or Catalogues shewing those contents together, is making satisfactory progress, though it is necessarily slow. During the year three Lists have been printed and published, giving all the Books on Fine Arts, Useful Arts and Natural Science, and copy for the section on Sociology is now well advanced towards completion. It is to be regretted that the sale of these useful publications is very small, but their utility is undoubted, and they are frequently consulted at the Library by those who wish to find out all the Library possesses on any given subject. The Card Catalogue, recently extended,

in the Lending Library, which is now kept up to date and supplied with entries under many possible headings, has become very popular with a large number of Borrowers. This, together with the frequent insertion of Book and Reading Lists in the local Newspapers, which the courtesy of their Editors permits, seems to meet all the needs of many Borrowers, and the sale of Catalogues is therefore restricted. A large number of readers, however, particularly those frequenting the Reference Library, rely more and more upon the members of the Staff for guidance as to the books that will supply their need. On the other hand there are still those who prefer to choose for themselves without revealing the object of their search, and indeed rather resent proffered assistance. To them good Catalogues are a necessity, and it is clearly desirable to do all we can to meet these diverse views of the general public, though it may occasion additional expense.

The total number of Tickets available for use in the Lending Library is 6,276, of which 702 are Students' Tickets and 302 Juveniles'.

The Stocktaking has again been thoroughly done, with the result that only one volume cannot be accounted for.

The popularity of the News and Reading Rooms has again been fully maintained. Nothing calling for particular comment has occurred, if I except the trouble caused by one of the pests of Free Institutions who has repeatedly mutilated the periodicals provided for the free use of the Citizens.

Other features of the Library work might be referred to, but, as they have been mentioned in previous Reports, it is only necessary to say that they have been successfully continued. Much more might of course be done if the income permitted, and visions arise of the possibilities open to us when the income may be increased; but it is gratifying to see the quiet satisfaction of the large numbers who use the institution, and evidently find in it a business help, an educational force, and an intellectual recreation.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR H. FURNISH

York, *June, 1910.*

City Librarian.

Your Committee have again received and acknowledged with thanks various Gifts of Books, Pamphlets, Periodicals, etc., but they observe that these are generally from the same friends every year. Whilst grateful for the continued interest thus shewn, they regret that more of the Citizens who possess books, particularly those of local interest or printing, do not recognise the opportunity for a good and lasting work by presenting them to the Reference Library, where they may be consulted at any time by themselves or by the general public.

Acknowledgment is again due and is hereby tendered by your Committee to the Editors of the local Newspapers, for the publication of Reading Lists, Book Additions, and other information concerning the work of the Library. This help is much valued by the public as well as by your Committee.

Every effort has been made to secure economy in the expenditure and to keep within the limit of the penny Rate, and your Committee have satisfaction in reporting that this object has been realized. During the year the Loan Debt has been reduced to £2,916 14s. 5d., being Loans owing £2,950, less amount provided in Sinking Fund £33 5s. 7d. On Revenue Account the Penny Rate realized £1,690 9s. 9d., and Rent of Class Rooms, Sale of Catalogues, Fines, and Miscellaneous Receipts made the total Income £1,887 3s. 11d. The ordinary Expenditure amounted to £1,869 19s. 3d., leaving a Surplus balance on the year of £17 4s. 8d., which has been placed to the credit of the Book-Purchasing Fund. A full financial statement appears in the printed Abstract of the Accounts of the York Corporation.

E. W. PURNELL,

12th July, 1910.

Chairman.

❧ APPENDIX. ❧



LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

Volumes in the Lending Library, 31st May, 1909	...	...	20,115
Added since :—			
By Purchase	...	...	810
By Gift	...	...	64
By Transfer from Reference	...	...	2
			876
			20,991
*Deductions in Re-binding and Re-placing	...	...	6
Withdrawn	...	...	347
Transfer	...	...	1
			354
Total Volumes in Lending Library, 31st May, 1910	...	...	20,637

*Works in 386 Volumes were re-placed by 382 Volumes ; 852 Volumes have been re-bound into 850 Volumes, and 11 Volumes re-cased.

ANALYSIS OF LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock, 31st May, 1909.		Stock, 31st May, 1910.	
	Works.	Volumes.	Works.	Volumes.
A Religion and Philosophy	1046	1118	1108	1183
B Biography, History	2590	3199	2692	3314
C Travel	981	1055	1053	1127
D Arts, Sciences, &c.	2721	2826	2932	3041
F Fiction	6547	6876	6485	6745
G Poetry and the Drama	423	513	438	529
H Essays and General Literature	1834	2047	1906	2118
J Juvenile Literature of all Classes	2481	2481	2580	2580
	18,623	20,115	19,194	20,637

REFERENCE LIBRARY—STOCK ACCOUNT.

Volumes in Stock, year ending May 31st, 1909 8,836

Added since:—

By Purchase	343
By Gift	212
By Transfer	1
	556
	9,392

Deduct:—

By Transfer	4
By Binding	2
	6
	9,386

Volumes in the Reserve Stock 754

Pamphlets 313

Government Blue Books 786

ANALYSIS OF REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

Class.					Stock, 1909.	Stock, 1910.
0	General Works...	...	...	...	1575	1647
1	Philosophy	...	...	...	119	122
2	Religion	...	...	...	522	547
3	Sociology	...	...	...	685	846
4	Philology	...	...	...	167	171
5	Natural Science	...	...	...	656	685
6	Useful Arts	...	...	...	419	455
7	Fine Arts	...	...	...	561	602
8	Literature	...	...	...	1216	1266
9	History, Biography, Travel	...	...	...	2916	3045
					8836	9386

NUMBER OF ISSUES—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Total.	*Daily Average for Days Open.
1909—10.										
June... ..	127	256	212	592	5652	54	354	1258	8505	567
July	144	439	298	781	7915	95	484	2035	12191	498
August	157	387	225	729	7454	81	479	2128	11640	506
September	178	384	324	986	8333	126	587	2269	13187	561
October	260	507	323	1179	9486	119	635	2606	15115	630
November	238	530	381	1084	8730	103	687	2420	14173	591
December	208	430	331	935	8233	99	642	2478	13356	594
January	172	485	316	1021	9364	116	725	2830	15029	626
February	209	539	444	1215	9316	115	687	2906	15431	701
March	255	529	486	1232	9032	97	716	2898	15245	678
April	226	571	503	1334	9201	100	688	3016	15639	652
May... ..	102	308	288	707	5303	79	408	1687	8882	538
	2276	5365	4131	11795	98019	1184	7092	28531	158393	597

Days open ... 265 $\frac{1}{2}$

*Fractions not shewn.

The above Table shews the number of separate applications for Books. The next Table shews the number of Volumes so borrowed. In the Daily Average Columns fractions are not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy.	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Total.	*Daily Average for Days Open
1909—10.										
June... ..	127	262	212	593	5661	54	354	1258	8521	568
July	144	439	298	784	7932	95	485	2035	12212	498
August	157	399	225	731	7470	81	482	2128	11673	508
September	180	388	326	986	8344	126	587	2269	13206	562
October	260	521	324	1181	9524	119	636	2606	15171	632
November	238	536	385	1085	8762	103	688	2420	14217	592
December	209	432	334	939	8267	101	642	2478	13402	596
January	173	494	316	1023	9402	116	727	2830	15081	628
February	209	549	445	1219	9345	115	689	2906	15477	704
March	256	543	487	1234	9055	97	717	2898	15287	679
April	227	594	510	1342	9213	101	691	3016	15694	654
May... ..	102	313	290	708	5305	79	408	1687	8892	538
	2282	5470	4152	11825	98280	1187	7106	28531	158833	598

Days open ... 265 $\frac{1}{2}$

*Fractions not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED.—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Month.	0 General Works.	1 Philosophy.	2 Religion.	3 Sociology.	4 Philology.	5 Natural Science.	6 Useful Arts.	7 Fine Arts.	8 Literature.	9 History, Biography, Travel.	Totals.
1909—1910.											
June... ..	119	15	14	107	20	55	40	75	23	323	791
July	55	7	27	51	52	110	34	34	23	355	748
August	49	6	26	74	22	66	63	106	46	311	769
September	62	22	16	59	17	59	104	90	120	355	904
October	75	13	32	90	37	71	68	93	65	343	887
November	127	10	33	73	38	43	40	78	65	404	911
December	79	7	19	41	24	40	46	69	39	174	538
January	292	15	30	64	65	40	20	107	42	231	906
February	382	18	38	143	37	61	60	127	67	425	1358
March	513	18	44	50	24	51	33	120	107	357	1317
April	608	4	32	66	20	44	132	125	92	224	1347
May	424	6	31	44	13	67	65	103	63	219	1035
	2785	141	342	862	369	707	705	1127	752	3721	11511

MAGAZINE ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
1909—1910.			
June	26	11415	439
July	27	11087	411
August... ..	25	8727	349
September	26	8849	340
October	26	11183	430
November	26	10730	413
December	25	10346	414
January	26	10833	417
February	24	10468	436
March	25	11430	457
April	26	10352	398
May	24	9155	381
	306	124575	407

NEWS ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances	Daily Average.
1909—1910.			
June... ..	26	30333	1166
July	27	28782	1066
August	26	26041	1002
September	26	27360	1052
October	26	27724	1066
November	26	28765	1106
December	26	28442	1094
January	26	35670	1372
February	24	40144	1673
March	26	41984	1615
April	26	35514	1366
May... ..	25	31593	1264
	310	382352	1233

TABLE SHEWING NUMBER OF BORROWERS
ON MAY 31, 1910.

ELECTORS :—Males	1171
Females	145—1316
NON-ELECTORS :—Males	1775
Females	2181—3956
STUDENTS' TICKETS	702
JUVENILE TICKETS	302
	6276

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Daily Mail.
Daily Mirror.
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Daily Telegraph.
Eastern Morning News.
Financial News.
Freeman's Journal.
Glasgow Herald.
Irish Times.
Leeds Mercury.
Liverpool Mercury.
Manchester Guardian.
Morning Leader.

Morning Post.
Newcastle Chronicle.
North Mail.
Northern Echo.
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Pall Mall Gazette.
Scotsman.
Sheffield Daily Independent.
Sheffield Daily Telegraph.
Standard.
Times.
Westminster Gazette.
Yorkshire Daily Observer.
Yorkshire Evening News.
Yorkshire Evening Post.
Yorkshire Evening Press.
Yorkshire Herald.
Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLY.

Academy.
Amateur Gardening.
Amateur Photographer.
American Machinist.
Architects' and Builders' Journal.
*Aspirant.
Athenæum.
*Auto-Motor Journal.
*Banner of Israel.
Black and White.
*Blackpool Herald.
*Board of Trade Journal.
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory.
Boy's Own Paper.
British Journal of Photography.
*British Weekly.
Broad Arrow.
Builder.
Bystander.
Cabinet Maker.
*Canada.
Canary and Cage Bird Life.
*Catholic Fireside.
Christian Commonwealth.

*Christian World.
*Civil Service Candidate.
*Civil Service Competitor.
Clarion.
*Clark's Weekly.
*Co-operative News.
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Country Life.
*Cumberland Pacquet.
Economist.
Electrical Review.
Engineer.
English Mechanic.
Era.
Exchange and Mart (3 times per week)
Feathered World.
Field.
*Financial Outlook.
*Flight.
Gentlewoman.
Graphic.
*Guardian.
Horticultural Journal.

WEEKLY.—Continued.

Hospital.
 Illustrated London News.
 *Illustrated Official Journal.(Patents)
 Illus. Sporting and Dramatic News.
 *India.
 *Investors' Guardian.
 *Irish Catholic.
 Labour Leader.
 Lady.
 Lady's Pictorial.
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 Lloyd's Shipping Gazette.
 *Local Government Chronicle.
 *Local Government Journal.
 *London County Council Gazette.
 *Midland Counties Herald.
 Money Market Review.
 *Motor Traction.
 Municipal Journal.
 Nation.
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 *People.
 Phonetic Journal.
 *Pocklington News.
 *Practical Engineering.
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Railway News.
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 School Guardian.
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 Schoolmistress.
 *Shop Assistant.
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 *Whitby Times.
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 *Yorkshire Chronicle and Advertiser.
 Yorkshire Gazette.
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 *Yorkshire News.
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MONTHLY.

*Agricultural Economist.
 *Animal's Friend.
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 *Arms and Explosives.
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 *Board of Trade Labour Gazette.
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 Bradshaw.
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 Century Magazine.
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 Geographical Journal.
 Girl's Own Paper.
 *Glad Tidings.
 Harper's Magazine.
 *Herald of Health.
 *Herald of Peace.
 *Herald of the Cross.
 *Herald of the Golden Age.
 *Home.
 *Insurance Agent and Insurance
 Review.
 International Review.
 *Journal of the Board of Agriculture.
 *Journal of Clerks of Works
 Association.
 Knowledge.
 Ladies' Home Journal.

MONTHLY.—Continued.

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| *Liberal Magazine. | *Railway Clerk. |
| *Liberal Monthly. | *Rechabite Magazine. |
| *Liberator. | Reporters' Journal. |
| London Magazine. | *Representation. |
| *Moravian Missions. | *Returns of the Deaths of Seamen. |
| *Musical Herald. | Review of Reviews. |
| Musical Times. | Royal. |
| *Nation in Arms. | St. Nicholas Magazine. |
| *National Church. | Scribner's Magazine. |
| National Home Reading Union | Socialist Review. |
| Magazine. | *State Correspondent. |
| National Review. | Strand. |
| *Naval Warrant Officers' Journal. | Studio. |
| *New Church Magazine. | *Success Ladder. |
| Nineteenth Century. | *Theosophist |
| *Notes from Ireland. | *Typographical Circular. |
| *Oddfellows' Magazine. | *University Correspondent. |
| Pall Mall Magazine. | *Vulcan. |
| Pearson's Magazine. | *Warrant Officers' and Naval |
| *Photographic Monthly. | Journal. |
| *Positivist Review. | Windsor Magazine. |
| Practical Teacher. | World's Work. |
| Quiver. | *Zoophilist. |

QUARTERLY.

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| *Bird Notes and News. | *Men's Magazine. |
| Edinburgh Review. | *Progress. |
| English Historical Review. | Quarterly Review. |
| Hibbert Journal. | |

OCCASIONAL.

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| *Colonial Journals, etc. | Directories, Calendars, etc. |
| *Railway Timetables, Guides, etc. | |

NOTES.

Population of the City, 1901...	...	...	77,914
Estimated Population of the City in 1909	...	...	87,004
Library Rate, one penny in the pound.			
Library Acts Adopted 15th October, 1891.			
News Room Opened 1st August, 1892.			
Library Opened by H.R.H. The Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.			
Library Stock (Lending) at Opening (in Vols.)	...	...	10,417
" " " at present time	...	...	20,637
Reference Stock	...	...	9,386
Reserve Stock	...	...	754
Blue Books	...	...	786
Pamphlets (Unbound)	...	...	313
Total Volumes issued from commencement	...	...	2,661,493
Present Number of Individual Borrowers (including 302 Juveniles)	...	...	5,574
" " Second or Students' Tickets in use	...	...	702

York Institute (now the Public Library) acquired by York Corporation, 1st September, 1891.

York Institute. Foundation Stone laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, 18th July, 1883. Opened by the Marquis of Lorne, June 10th, 1885.



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First Assistant:—A. FINNEY.

Assistants:

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CITY OF YORK.

EIGHTEENTH GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Public Library Committee have satisfaction in approving the following Report of the City Librarian on the working of the Library for the year ending the 31st May, 1911 : —

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Eighteenth Annual Report. One year's returns are necessarily so similar to those of the previous year that it will be sufficient for me to give a summary of the principal Tables in the Appendix to shew the ordinary work of the Library ; but these figures by no means convey a full account or give a correct impression of the amount of work done in it, which may be greatly increased or decreased without materially affecting such results as can be tabulated.

The Total Stock of Books is now 33,421, a gain of 1,545. This, however, is exclusive of Maps, Pictures, Broadsides, and similar items, of which a collection is now being formed, and a considerable number already obtained as the nucleus of what it is believed will be a valuable feature in future years.

The Lending Library Stock now consists of 20,863 volumes, as compared with 20,637 last year. The Replacements of worn out copies made during the year numbered 473, and the Additions 740. As 352 (chiefly Magazines) were transferred and 150 worn out copies written off, whilst a reduction of 12 volumes occurred in replacing and rebinding where two volumes are now complete in one, the net increase is 226. That these changes have not greatly altered the proportional character of

the Stock is seen by a comparison of the Classes as they were at the beginning of the Library year and at its close.

				Lending Library Stock,
				1910. 1911.
A.	Religion and Philosophy	...	...	5·732 5·886
B.	Biography, History	...	...	16·059 16·292
C.	Geography, Travel, etc.	...	...	5·461 5·666
D.	Arts, Sciences, Technology, etc.	...	...	14·735 15·305
F.	Fiction	...	...	32·686 32·828
G.	Poetry and the Drama	...	...	2·563 2·612
H.	Essays and Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	10·263 8·656*
J.	Juvenile Literature of all Classes	...	...	12·501 12·755

* Chiefly due to Transfer of Magazines.

The Reference Library Stock of Books is now 10,453, as against 9,386, but this is exclusive of 426 unbound Pamphlets, 908 Blue Books, a Reserve Stock of 771 volumes, and a large number of unbound Magazines and other items.

The total Registered Issue of Volumes during the year was 170,275. In the Lending Library the number was 156,217, a decrease of 2,616, but in the Reference Library the increase is 2,547. This is the registered issue only. A large number of persons use this department, however, without any record of such use being kept, and the figures given, if taken alone, do not fairly represent the work of the year. Amongst the reasons which may account for the fall in the daily average issue of Lending Library Books from 598 to 584, probably the fact that better trade has made people busier, and therefore slower in their reading, is the most satisfactory. The nature of that reading may be gathered from the following percentages of the volumes issued for home reading :—

A.	Religion and Philosophy	...	...	1·351
B.	Biography, History	...	...	3·308
C.	Geography, Travel, etc.	...	...	3·039
D.	Arts, Sciences, Technology, etc.	...	...	7·753
F.	Fiction	...	...	60·372
G.	Poetry and the Drama	...	...	0·746
H.	Essays and Miscellaneous Literature	...	...	4·458
J.	Juvenile Literature of all Classes	...	...	18·739
	Literature for the Blind, of all Classes	...	...	0·234

If the Reference Issues were included the percentage of Fiction, of which scarcely any issues are ever required in the Reference Library, would be considerably reduced, but as the figures stand the proportions cannot be considered unsatisfactory, inasmuch as the reading of a work of Fiction is accomplished in very much less time than is generally required for the more serious books. That there is a real improvement in the taste and judgment of borrowers is an opinion I hold with confidence, though it cannot be easily demonstrated by figures ; but the better knowledge of Authors and their Works manifested by enquirers, and the demand for books of literary value, whether standard works or those of more recent date, testifies at once to a growing improvement in the people's preference, and to the suitability of the Library collection for assisting in the continuance of that improvement, of which it has very probably been the chief cause. In saying this I do not suggest that those who prefer mental excitement to literary excellence, and read simply for recreation rather than for knowledge or inspiration, are not still numerous. For these we have also to provide. Different stages of literary taste and intellectual culture require different treatment, and the adult with the child's mind must first be supplied with the books suited to his condition, if he is to be given the chance of obtaining that gradual improvement to which I have referred. To meet this condition sufficiently, but not more than sufficiently, is one of the problems that beset the book selector, for a book which may be too advanced for one person may be too elementary for a second, whilst to a third it may usefully meet the need ; and though this relates more especially to non-fiction, it applies to fiction also.

The number of Borrowers' Tickets actually in force on the 31st May was 6,156, of which 622 were Students' and 300 Juveniles'. I regret that the last-named remains almost a stationary number, being two short of last year's total, as I

more than ever believe it to be desirable to associate children with the Public Library before they leave school. It is to be noted, however, that the issue of Juvenile books had an increase of over 700 volumes, the number being 29,271, so good use was made of this department.

The Annual Stocktaking has revealed a loss of two volumes only, and these may perhaps yet be recovered as the result of further search.

The heavy work of reclassifying and cataloguing together the Books of both Reference and Lending Libraries is being continued, and during the year two further Class Lists have been published, one dealing with Philology, the other being on Sociology. The Lists published previously were on Natural Science, Useful Arts, and Fine Arts. Copy is now being prepared for a Class List giving the contents of the York and Yorkshire Collection. It is proving to be, even more than expected, a very laborious work, the large number of small items having to be dealt with, and the search for articles or other reference matters in collected works, requiring much time and effort.

Other special work of various kinds, not usually attempted in any but the largest Libraries, is now being taken up, whilst all the additional efforts made in recent years to make the Library a living force in the City, and its methods useful and convenient to the Citizens, have been continued.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR H. FURNISH,

York, *June*, 1911.

City Librarian.

Your Committee have from time to time reported and acknowledged with thanks the receipt of various Gifts of Books, Pamphlets, Periodicals, Photographs, etc. They are grateful to all Donors for their help, and would specially record their appreciation of the gifts of Mr. J. G. Butcher, K.C., M.P., in memory of his brother, of the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Councillor J. B. Morrell, for many valuable and interesting works of Local History, Topography, and Sociology, and of the Executors of the late Mr. J. Dickons, who bequeathed important Works dealing with Yorkshire Wills, etc. Your Committee are still hopeful that other members of the community having Books, Pamphlets, or Prints, particularly of local interest, will follow the example thus offered. Another friend of the Library makes gifts conditional upon being placed in the Reference Library, that he himself may be able to refer to them whenever he may desire. Perhaps if the possibility of this course was generally known, it might induce others to make similar contributions.

Acknowledgment is again due, and is hereby tendered by your Committee, to the Editors of the local Newspapers for the publication of Reading Lists, Book Additions, and other information concerning the work of the Library. This help is much valued by the public as well as by your Committee.

Your Committee have to report that during the year the Loan Debt has been reduced to £2,826 16s. 11d., being Loans owing £2,850, less amount provided in Sinking Fund, £23 3s. 1d. On Revenue Account the Penny Rate realized £1,640, and Rent of Class Rooms, Sale of Catalogues, Fines, and Miscellaneous Receipts made the total Income £1,804 17s. 4d. The Expenditure, including the purchase of Books, amounted to £1,887 4s. 10d., leaving a deficit balance on the year of £82 7s. 6d., which has been transferred from the Book Purchasing Fund Account. A full financial statement appears in the printed Abstract of the Accounts of the York Corporation.

E. W. PURNELL,

11th July, 1911.

Chairman.

❧ APPENDIX. ❧

LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

Volumes in the Lending Library 31st May, 1910	...	...	20,637
Added since —			
By Purchase	...	...	708
„ Gift	...	...	29
„ Replacing changes	...	...	3
			<u>740</u>
			21,377
Deductions in Rebinding and Replacing	...	...	12
Withdrawn	...	...	150
Transfer	...	...	352
			<u>514</u>
Total Volumes in Lending Library, 31st May, 1911	...	...	<u>20,863</u>

ANALYSIS OF LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock, 31st May, 1910.		Stock, 31st May, 1911.	
	Works.	Volumes.	Works.	Volumes.
A. Religion and Philosophy	1108	1183	1152	1228
B. Biography, History	2692	3314	2767	3399
C. Travel	1053	1127	1108	1182
D. Arts, Science, &c.	2932	3041	3080	3193
F. Fiction	6485	6745	6608	6849
G. Poetry and the Drama	438	529	454	545
H. Essays and General Literature	1906	2118	1593	1806
J. Juvenile Literature of all Classes	2580	2580	2661	2661
	19194	20637	19423	20863

REFERENCE LIBRARY—STOCK ACCOUNT.

Volumes in Stock, year ending 31st May, 1910 9,386

Added since :—

By Purchase	...	...	...	...	...	...	315
„ Gift	...	...	...	...	...	...	400
„ Transfer	...	...	...	...	...	...	355
							<u>1,070</u>
							10,456

Deduct :—

By Binding	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
„ Withdrawn	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
							<u>3</u>
							10,453

Volumes in the Reserve Stock 771

Pamphlets 426

Government Blue Books 908

ANALYSIS OF REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

Class.					Stock, 1910.	Stock, 1911.
0	General Works...	...	...	...	1647	2052
1	Philosophy	...	...	...	122	128
2	Religion	...	...	...	547	576
3	Sociology	...	...	...	846	928
4	Philology	...	...	...	171	176
5	Natural Science	...	...	...	685	704
6	Useful Arts	...	...	...	455	491
7	Fine Arts	...	...	...	602	675
8	Literature	...	...	...	1266	1486
9	History, Biography, Travel	...	...	...	3045	3237
					9386	10453

NUMBER OF ISSUES—LENDING LIBRARY

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy.	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry and the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Braille.	Total.	* Daily Average for Days Open.
1910—11											
June ...	94	268	244	619	5249	79	408	1513	45	8519	516
July ...	140	396	360	955	7447	87	562	2380	33	12360	537
August ...	159	388	351	1036	7775	75	546	2313	35	12678	528
September	173	386	363	1103	8303	85	545	2329	15	13302	566
October ...	183	456	504	1135	9041	117	675	2532	48	14691	612
November	189	511	447	1064	8704	107	621	2582	34	14259	594
December	205	461	462	1027	8681	101	659	2678	21	14295	635
January ...	226	491	469	1229	8956	116	733	3026	20	15266	636
February	190	481	453	1122	8309	103	645	2700	12	14015	637
March ...	243	483	479	1238	8676	132	672	2959	33	14915	608
April ...	207	437	384	939	7885	103	567	2732	46	13300	633
May ...	108	282	207	629	5187	58	324	1527	21	8343	451
	2117	5040	4723	12096	94213	1163	6957	29271	363	155943	582

Days open ... 267½. * Fractions not shewn.

The above table shows the number of separate applications for Books. The next table shows the number of Volumes so borrowed. In the Daily Average Columns fractions are not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy.	B Biography, Histor y.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Braille.	Total.	* Daily Average for Day-Open.
1910—11.											
June ...	94	276	246	619	5249	79	408	1513	45	8529	516
July ...	140	403	360	955	7458	87	562	2380	33	12378	538
August ...	160	395	351	1036	7781	75	546	2313	35	12692	529
September	173	389	364	1107	8308	85	5 6	2329	15	13316	566
October ...	183	469	505	1140	9052	117	676	2532	48	14722	613
November	189	534	449	1067	8709	107	623	2582	34	14294	596
December	205	487	464	1027	8686	101	659	2678	21	14328	636
January ...	227	514	472	1229	8968	116	733	3026	20	15305	638
February...	191	489	462	1124	8317	103	645	2700	12	14043	638
March ...	244	490	484	1240	8693	132	672	2959	33	14947	610
April ...	207	438	384	939	7895	103	568	2732	46	13312	634
May ...	108	284	207	629	5193	58	324	1527	21	8351	452
	2121	5168	4748	12112	94309	1163	6962	29271	363	156217	584

Days open ... 267½

* Fractions not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

MONTH.	0 General Works.	1 Philosophy.	2 Religion.	3 Sociology.	4 Philology.	5 Natural Science.	6 Useful Arts.	7 Fine Arts.	8 Literature.	9 History, Biography, Travel.	Total.
1910—11.											
June ...	455	2	57	56	3	122	39	96	75	309	1214
July ...	502	3	38	36	25	139	100	150	49	474	1516
August ...	427	5	37	36	12	88	143	139	39	360	1286
September	378	1	60	35	6	48	148	87	48	339	1150
October ...	555	17	20	78	6	35	104	102	86	251	1254
November	639	5	21	67	12	66	67	118	45	244	1284
December	498	1	15	27	13	32	78	64	26	195	949
January ...	589	6	40	60	34	34	99	123	36	254	1275
February...	499	1	15	44	8	27	76	124	46	133	973
March ...	507	...	12	67	18	42	80	53	60	204	1043
April ...	482	1	76	51	30	36	51	92	30	286	1135
May ...	467	6	19	63	17	81	76	37	35	178	979
	5998	48	410	620	184	750	1061	1185	575	3227	14058

MAGAZINE ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
1910—1911.			
June ...	26	11,138	428
July ...	26	9,351	359
August ...	26	9,626	369
September ...	26	8,917	343
October ...	26	9,855	379
November ...	26	11,962	450
December ...	25	12,667	507
January ...	26	14,836	570
February ...	24	12,614	527
March ...	27	14,858	550
April ...	23	12,562	546
May ...	27	14,774	547
	308	143,160	465

NEWS ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
1910—1911.			
June	26	35,804	1,377
July	26	35,148	1,352
August	27	36,919	1,367
September	26	35,552	1,367
October	26	32,036	1,232
November	26	31,416	1,208
December	26	32,337	1,243
January	26	33,331	1,282
February	24	31,098	1,296
March	27	33,437	1,238
April	24	29,179	1,216
May	27	32,816	1,215
	311	399,073	1,283

TABLE SHEWING NUMBER OF BORROWERS
ON MAY 31, 1911.

ELECTORS :—Males	1039
Females... ..	154—1193
NON-ELECTORS :—Males	1874
Females	2167—4041
STUDENTS' TICKETS	622
JUVENILE TICKETS	300
	6156

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REPORTS OR BULLETINS, &c., FROM THE FOLLOWING LIBRARIES :—
 Aberdeen, Accrington, Aston Manor, Ashton-under-Lyne, Barnsley, Barrow-in-Furness, Batley, Belfast, Beverley, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Pratt Institute), Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cork, Derby, Dewsbury, Dundee, Gloucester, Grand Rapids, U.S.A., Great Yarmouth, Hereford, Hove, Huddersfield, Hyde, Ilkley, Keighley, Kettering, Kidderminster, Kimberley, (Natal), Leeds, Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, London :—Bishopsgate Institute, Cripplegate Institute, Croydon, Hammersmith, Hornsey, Kensal Rise, Kingston-upon-Thames, Shoreditch, Stoke Newington, Wandsworth, Westminster, Willesden Green, Willesden (Kilburn) ; Manchester, Middlesbrough, Newark-on-Trent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, New York (Astor Lennox), Norwich, Nottingham, Oldbury, Paisley, Portsmouth, Preston, Providence, U.S.A., Rochdale, St. Helens, Salford, Smethwick, Stockport, Sunderland, Tottenham, Tynemouth, Walthamstow, Watford, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Western Australia, Whitehaven, Wigan, Wimbledon, Windsor (Canada), Workington.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS SUPPLIED TO THE NEWSROOMS.

Those marked * are presented.

DAILY.

*Birmingham Daily Post.
Daily Chronicle.
Daily Dispatch.
Daily Express.
Daily Mail.
Daily Mirror.
Daily News.
Daily Sketch.
Daily Telegraph.
Eastern Morning News.
Financial News.
Freeman's Journal.
Glasgow Herald.
Irish Times.
Leeds Mercury.
Liverpool Mercury.
Manchester Guardian.
Morning Leader.

Morning Post.
Newcastle Chronicle.
North Mail.
Northern Echo.
*Nottingham Daily Express.
Pall Mall Gazette.
Scotsman.
Sheffield Daily Independent.
Sheffield Daily Telegraph.
Standard.
Times.
Westminster Gazette.
Yorkshire Daily Observer.
Yorkshire Evening News.
Yorkshire Evening Post.
Yorkshire Evening Press.
Yorkshire Herald.
Yorkshire Post.

WEEKLY.

Academy.
Amateur Gardening.
Amateur Photographer.
American Machinist.
Architects' and Builders' Journal.
*Aspirant.
Athenæum.
*Auto-Motor Journal.
*Banner of Israel.
Black and White.
*Blackpool Herald.
*Board of Trade Journal.
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory.
Boys' Own Paper.
British Journal of Photography.
*British Weekly.
Broad Arrow.
Builder.
Bystander.
Cabinet Maker.
*Canada.
*Canadian Century.
Canary and Cage Bird Life.
*Catholic Fireside.

Christian Commonwealth.
*Christian World.
*Civil Service Candidate.
*Civil Service Competitor.
Clarion.
*Clark's Weekly.
*Common Cause.
*Co-operative News.
Country Life.
*Cumberland Pacquet.
Cycling.
Economist.
Electrical Review.
Engineer.
English Mechanic.
Era.
Exchange and Mart (3 times per week).
Feathered World.
Field.
*Flight.
Gentlewoman.
Graphic.
*Guardian.

WEEKLY—Continued.

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| Horticultural Journal. | Railway News. |
| Hospital. | Railway Review. |
| Illustrated London News. | *Sanitary Record |
| *Illustrated Official Journal (Patents). | Saturday Review. |
| Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic | Scarboro' Gazette |
| News. | School Guardian. |
| *India. | Schoolmaster. |
| *Investors' Guardian. | Schoolmistress. |
| *Irish Catholic. | *Shop Assistant. |
| Labour Leader. | Sketch. |
| Lady. | Spectator. |
| Lady's Pictorial. | Sphere. |
| Live Stock Journal. | *Standard of Empire. |
| Lloyd's Shipping Gazette. | Statist. |
| *Local Government Chronicle. | T.P.'s Weekly. |
| *Local Government Journal. | *Tablet. |
| *London County Council Gazette. | *Tatler. |
| *Midland Counties Herald. | Teacher's Aid. |
| Money Market Review. | *Thirsk and District News. |
| *Motor Traction. | *Trade Marks Journal. |
| Municipal Journal. | Truth. |
| Nation. | *Two Worlds. |
| Nature. | *University Correspondent. |
| Notes and Queries. | *Whitby Gazette. |
| Nursing Mirror. | *Whitby Times. |
| *People. | Work. |
| Phonetic Journal. | World. |
| *Pocklington News. | *Yorkshire Chronicle and Delittle's |
| *Practical Engineer. | Advertiser. |
| Public Opinion. | Yorkshire Gazette. |
| Punch. | Yorkshire Herald. |
| Queen. | *Yorkshire News. |
| Railway Gazette. | Yorkshire Weekly Post. |

MONTHLY.

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| *Acetylene. | Chambers's Journal. |
| *Agricultural Economist. | *Church Gazette. |
| *Animals' Friend. | Commonwealth. |
| *Animals' Guardian. | Connoisseur. |
| Architectural Review. | *Conservative and Unionist. |
| Army List. | Contemporary Review. |
| *Arms and Explosives. | Cornhill Magazine. |
| Art Journal. | Country Side. |
| *Board of Trade Labour Gazette. | *Covenant People. |
| Bookman. | *Decorator. |
| Bradshaw. | *Deliverer. |
| *British Columbia. | English Illustrated Magazine. |
| British Printer. | Fortnightly Review. |
| Cassell's Magazine. | *Free Church Chronicle. |
| Century Magazine. | Fry's Magazine. |

MONTHLY—Continued.

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| <p>Geographical Journal.
 Girls' Own Paper.
 *Glad Tidings.
 Harper's Magazine.
 *Herald of Health.
 *Herald of Peace.
 *Herald of the Cross.
 *Home.
 *Insurance Agent and Insurance
 Review.
 *Journal of the Board of Agriculture.
 *Journal of the Clerk of Works
 Association.
 Knowledge.
 Ladies' Home Journal.
 *Liberal Magazine.
 *Liberal Monthly.
 *Liberator.
 London Magazine.
 *Moravian Missions.
 *Musical Herald.
 Musical Times.
 *Nation in Arms.
 *National Church.
 National Review.
 *New Church Magazine.
 Nineteenth Century.
 *Notes from Ireland.</p> | <p>*Oddfellows' Magazine.
 Pall Mall Magazine.
 Pearson's Magazine.
 *Positivist Review.
 Practical Teacher.
 Quiver.
 *Railway Clerk.
 *Rechabite Magazine.
 Reporter's Journal.
 *Return of the Deaths of Seamen.
 Review of Reviews.
 Royal.
 St. Nicholas Magazine.
 Scribner's Magazine.
 Socialist Review.
 *State Correspondent.
 Strand.
 Studio.
 *Success Ladder.
 *Theosophist.
 *Traveller's Gazette.
 *Typographical Circular.
 *Vulcan.
 *Warrant Officers' and Naval Journal.
 Windsor Magazine.
 Woodworker.
 World's Work.
 *Zoophilist.</p> |
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QUARTERLY.

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| <p>Anti-Slavery Reporter.
 *Bird Notes and News.
 Edinburgh Review.
 English Historical Review.
 Herald of the Golden Age.
 *Hibbert Journal.</p> | <p>*Men's Magazine.
 National Home Reading Union
 Magazines.
 *Patents.
 *Progress.
 Quarterly Review.</p> |
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OCCASIONAL.

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| <p>*Colonial Journals, etc.
 Directories, Calendars, etc.</p> | <p>*Railway Time Tables, Guides, etc.</p> |
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NOTES.

Population of the City, 1911	...	...	...	82,297
Library Rate, one penny in the pound.				
Library Acts Adopted 15th October, 1891.				
News Room opened 1st August, 1892.				
Library Opened by H.R.H. the Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.				
Library Stock (Lending) at Opening (in Vols.)...	...	...	...	10,417
" " " at present time	...	...	...	20,863
Reference Stock...	...	...	...	10,453
Reserve Stock	...	...	...	771
Blue Books	...	...	...	908
Pamphlets (Unbound)	...	...	...	426
Total Volumes issued from Commencement	...	...	...	2,831,768
Present number of Individual Borrowers (including 300				
Juveniles)	...	...	...	5,534
Present Number of Second or Students' Tickets in use				622

York Institute (now the Public Library) acquired by York Corporation,
1st September, 1891.

York Institute Foundation Stone laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales,
18th July, 1883. Opened by the Marquis of Lorne, June 10th, 1885.

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COMMITTEE FOR 1911—1912.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
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* Died 3rd May, 1912.

Town Clerk :—H. CRAVEN.

City Librarian :—ARTHUR H. FURNISH.

Deputy Librarian :—F. BEWLAY.

First Assistant :—A. FINNEY.

Senior Assistants :—S. M. BRYANT. G. H. PICKERING.

Junior Assistant :—R. DOHERTY.

CITY OF YORK.

NINETEENTH GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Public Library Committee have satisfaction in approving the following Report of the City Librarian on the working of the Library for the year ending the 31st May, 1912.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present my Nineteenth Annual Report, giving the usual Statistical Tables and other information.

In the Reference Library the Stock prepared and available for public use now numbers 10,861 volumes as compared with 10,453 of twelve months ago, but there are in addition 517 unbound Pamphlets, 1,028 Blue Books, a Reserve Stock of 842 volumes, and a large number of miscellaneous items.

The Lending Library contains 21,316 volumes, as compared with 20,863 last year. The additions numbered 689, but as 236 (chiefly worn-out or obsolete books) were finally withdrawn, the net increase was 453. There were, however, 539 withdrawals of worn-out books which were replaced by a like number, so that the necessity of weeding-out the Stock and keeping it in a satisfactory condition is not overlooked. These changes have not materially altered the proportions of the various classes comprising the Lending Library, the chief difference being that Fiction has dropped from 32·8 to 32·3.

The Total Stock of the Library may therefore be stated as consisting of 34,564 items, beside the Miscellaneous Collection already mentioned, being a net gain for the year of 1,143.

The Registered Issues for the year numbered 164,112. This is a decrease on the figures for the previous twelve months of about 6,000. Enquiry shows this experience is similar to that of other Libraries, and it is no doubt due to the same causes, which are considered to be the very fine weather of last year and the excitement and unrest in the labour world, which have caused people to read the newspapers more, and produced a state of mind not conducive to contemplative reading. These things will right themselves in due course. Indeed it is often found that after a period of indifference, people will return to the Library with a greater avidity for books than they had shewn before. In the Lending Library the number issued was 151,057, and in the Reference Library it was 13,055 plus the very large use of books on open shelves of which no record is kept, but which visibly grows every year. I cannot help feeling that we are somewhat unfair to ourselves in quoting the numbers on Application Forms handed in by Readers as though they were an exact statement of the use to which the Library is put, because in many cases books are issued without being recorded, owing to the haste of the reader or neglect to make the necessary entries when busy. The first consideration is to supply the reader as quickly as possible with all the works that will help him in his search for information, and though the name and address are required, the further particulars are from various causes often not obtained. The apparent success of a Library is not always the most real, and only those actually engaged in the work can rightly appreciate the value of the use made of it or the work done in it. To regard the issue of a book which may be returned unread on the following day as the criterion by which the worth of a Library may be ascertained may lead to nothing but a fallacious conclusion. Statistical tables are necessary and useful, but it is as well to remember, for instance, that a book costing a guinea counts in the table no more than one costing a shilling, and that the visit of a Borrower, who in one minute obtains the book he wants, counts the same as that of the person who has been assisted for half an hour before his need has been met. Similarly the statistical value of an issue of a small book of fiction which has been easily read in one evening is equal to that of an historical or scientific work which may have fully occupied the borrower's reading time for fourteen days. It is therefore not surprising to find in Library circles a growing doubt as to the wisdom of regarding tabular statements as indicative of the real value of the work accomplished by a "live" Library. The chief aim of a Library is not a big turnover every year (though that may be a desirable help to other ends), but a

big profit to those who use it, and I am therefore glad to note a continued improvement in literary taste and judgment on the part of many readers. Of course there are a large number whose culture has not proceeded far, and whose requirements are met by the most elementary works in solid Literature, or by the merely exciting in Fiction. It is therefore our duty so to arrange the supply that all, whether elementary or advanced readers, may find suitable books that will help them. Criticism of the Stock provided or of the results obtained is mostly based on the likes and dislikes of the critic, but the management has to take a wider view and see that every degree of requirement between that of the infantile mind and that of the well-read student is met.

A study of the list of books issued on the first two days after Stocktaking has proved very interesting to me, as shewing the varied wants and tastes of our borrowers. There can be no doubt that the Library exercises a great, though silent, influence on the thoughts and habits of its readers. I claim that it is not only developing their intellectual power and increasing their mental equipment, but it is, in a practical way, helping the artisan who uses the technical books concerned with his trade, the student who is working for his examination, and the tired worker who seeks recreation in literature. It is not only elevating the tone of family life and creating a more healthy and artistic home, but is assisting to produce a more satisfactory recognition of the duties and obligations of Citizenship and the right use of its privileges.

During the year an important addition has been made to our printed Catalogues in the publication of a "List of Books in the Local Collection relating to the City and County of York." This, it is believed, will greatly assist in making known the contents of the local portion of the Reference Library, and those who have already used it readily acknowledge its helpful character. Many have expressed surprise on finding the Collection much more valuable than they had supposed.

All the additional work taken up in recent years and indicated in recent Reports has been continued, and every effort has been made to render the Library serviceable to every visitor. The Institution has now reached a stage where the regular round of duty occupies all the time of the Staff, and all the income received, to maintain its usefulness unimpaired. It is no longer a novelty or a luxury, but is looked upon by many of the public as a necessary requirement of their daily life, as essential in its way

as the Post Office or the School. It is therefore entitled to all the help the community can give. As the rate is still limited by law the work it can do is also limited, but it is gratifying to know that what is done is greatly appreciated by many to whom it is, as was said to me by a reader on the day of the re-opening after Stocktaking, "a most valuable help," the visitor adding "What I should do without it I really don't know."

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR H. FURNISH,

York, June, 1912.

City Librarian.

Your Committee have pleasure in reporting that a number of Gifts have been received during the year from various donors. These have been gratefully acknowledged, and a reference to the Appendix to this Report will shew the names of those who have kindly given their aid in this way.

Your Committee are hopeful that, following upon the issue of the Local Collection Catalogue, there will be a generous response to the appeal made in the Preface to that Catalogue by all those who may have Books, Pamphlets, or Prints relating to or illustrating the history of the City. It should be remembered that a Book given to the Reference Library is at all times available for use in the Building by its former owner, as well as by those to whom it may be valuable and who could not see it elsewhere.

The Editors of the local Newspapers have again rendered valuable help in publishing Reading Lists, Book Additions and other information concerning the Library which has been useful to the public, and their kindness is greatly appreciated by your Committee, who tender their best thanks.

Your Committee have to report that during the year the Loan Debt has been reduced to £2,734 5s. 6d., being Loans owing £2,750, less amount in Sinking Fund £15 14s. 6d. On Revenue Account the Penny Rate realised £1,640, and Rent of Class Rooms, Sales of Catalogues, Fines and Miscellaneous Receipts made the total Income £1,803 6s. 5d. The Expenditure, including the purchase of Books, amounted to £1,817 15s. 6d., leaving a deficit balance on the year of £14 9s. 1d., which has been transferred from the Book Purchasing Fund Account. A full financial statement appears in the printed Abstract of the Accounts of the York Corporation.

E. W. PURNELL,

16th July, 1912.

Chairman.

✧ APPENDIX. ✧



LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

Volumes in the Lending Library, 31st May, 1911	...	...	20,863
Added since :—			
By Purchase ...	...	661	
By Gift ...	...	28	
			689
			21,552
Deduct :—			
By Withdrawal ...	...	230	
By Transfer ...	...	1	
By Replacing ...	...	5	
			236
Total Volumes in Stock, 31st May, 1912	...	...	21,316

ANALYSIS OF LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock, 31st May 1911.		Stock, 31st May, 1912.	
	Works.	Volumes.	Works.	Volumes.
A Religion and Philosophy ...	1152	1228	1194	1271
B Biography, History ...	2767	3399	2818	3452
C Travel ...	1108	1182	1131	1205
D Arts, Science, &c....	3080	3193	3232	3345
F Fiction ...	6608	6849	6684	6892
G Poetry and the Drama ...	454	545	472	563
H Essays and General Literature ...	1593	1806	1649	1862
J Juvenile Literature of all Classes	2661	2661	2726	2726
	19,423	20,863	19,906	21,316

REFERENCE LIBRARY—STOCK ACCOUNT.

Volumes in Stock, year ending 31st May, 1911 10,453

Added since :—

By Purchase	196	
„ Gift	246	
„ Transfer	4	
	—	446
		<u>10,899</u>

Deduct :—

By Transfer	2	
„ Withdrawal	36	
	—	38
		<u>10,861</u>

Volumes in Reserve Stock 842

Pamphlets 517

Government Blue Books 1,028

ANALYSIS OF REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

Class.						Stock, 1911.	Stock, 1912.
0	General Works	...	...	...	...	2052	2133
1	Philosophy	...	...	...	...	128	128
2	Religion	...	...	...	...	576	619
3	Sociology	...	...	...	...	928	986
4	Philology	...	...	...	...	176	176
5	Natural Science	...	...	...	...	704	726
6	Useful Arts	...	...	...	...	491	504
7	Fine Arts	...	...	...	...	675	722
8	Literature	...	...	...	...	1486	1505
9	History, Biography, Travel	...	...	...	...	3237	3362
						<u>10,453</u>	<u>10,861</u>

NUMBER OF ISSUES—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature	Braille.	Total.	* Daily Average for Days Open.
1911—12.											
June... ..	114	274	223	610	5387	66	379	1463	8	8524	501
July	140	338	281	705	6897	53	447	1941	41	10843	452
August ...	164	256	240	661	7185	81	447	2066	36	11136	474
September ...	219	363	345	888	8190	122	550	2432	29	13138	547
October ...	174	467	421	1023	8344	163	580	2399	10	13581	566
November ...	197	413	363	1113	8622	118	585	2322	45	13779	586
December ...	169	365	401	1060	8461	104	570	2547	31	13708	623
January ...	192	378	366	1144	9445	132	608	3134	29	15428	617
February ...	187	375	422	1127	8556	134	582	2692	9	14084	626
March ...	285	476	404	1234	9608	145	621	2883	21	15677	653
April ...	208	341	272	932	7934	104	503	2719	15	13028	592
May ...	117	243	202	482	4907	68	347	1536	13	7915	480
	2166	4289	3940	10979	93536	1290	6220	28134	287	150841	563

Days open ... 268.

* Fractions not shewn.

The above Table shows the number of separate applications for Books. The next Table shows the number of Volumes so borrowed. In the Daily Average Columns fractions are not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Braille.	Total.	* Daily Average for Days Open
1911—12.											
June... ..	115	278	224	610	5387	66	379	1463	8	8530	502
July	140	345	282	707	6902	54	448	1941	41	10860	453
August ...	164	267	240	664	7188	82	447	2066	36	11154	475
September ...	219	373	346	890	8209	122	551	2432	29	13171	549
October ...	174	476	422	1024	8358	164	580	2399	10	13607	567
November ...	197	418	363	1113	8646	118	587	2322	45	13809	588
December ...	171	365	401	1060	8472	106	571	2547	31	13724	624
January ...	192	379	366	1144	9463	132	608	3134	29	15447	618
February ...	187	376	422	1127	8578	134	582	2692	9	14107	627
March ...	285	479	404	1234	9618	145	621	2883	21	15690	654
April ...	208	342	274	932	7939	104	503	2719	15	13036	593
May ...	118	249	202	482	4907	68	347	1536	13	7922	480
	2170	4347	3946	10987	93667	1295	6224	28134	287	151057	564

Days open ... 268.

* Fractions not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

Month.	0 General Works.	1 Philosophy.	2 Religion.	3 Sociology.	4 Philology.	5 Natural Science.	6 Useful Arts.	7 Fine Arts.	8 Literature.	9 History, Biography, Travel.	Total.
1911-12.											
June... ..	419	6	11	21	28	52	67	127	36	157	924
July	364	0	22	26	5	9	44	82	14	235	801
August	358	3	52	39	24	11	42	51	27	249	856
September	414	22	39	52	21	34	33	61	28	412	1116
October	472	3	17	73	16	31	64	81	58	392	1207
November	599	9	27	59	16	39	53	103	35	386	1326
December	538	6	22	29	24	35	53	77	90	229	1103
January	438	8	28	86	6	53	63	93	67	190	1032
February	475	7	29	62	28	39	143	92	65	191	1131
March	651	7	48	77	7	24	63	78	90	273	1318
April	655	2	11	37	24	41	39	59	61	243	1172
May... ..	665	2	22	29	11	38	26	34	52	190	1069
	6048	75	328	590	210	406	690	938	623	3147	13,055

MAGAZINE ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average
1911-12.			
June... ..	24	14036	585
July	26	14222	547
August	26	14252	548
September	26	14801	569
October	26	14836	570
November	26	14937	575
December	23	13169	573
January	27	15023	557
February	25	14471	579
March	25	13666	546
April	24	12993	541
May... ..	26	13777	529
	304	170,183	560

NEWS ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
1911-12.			
June... ..	25	29857	1194
July... ..	26	31848	1225
August... ..	27	31927	1182
September... ..	26	32904	1265
October... ..	26	32046	1232
November... ..	26	32459	1248
December... ..	25	30064	1202
January... ..	27	32256	1194
February... ..	25	30553	1222
March... ..	26	31045	1194
April... ..	25	29638	1185
May... ..	27	31252	1157
	311	375,849	1209

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF BORROWERS ON
MAY 31st, 1912.

ELECTORS:—

Males...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1150
Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	146
							1296

NON-ELECTORS:—

Males...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1689
Females	...	...	...	...	...	...	2144
							3833

STUDENTS' TICKETS	...	...	...	...	...	...	642
JUVENILE TICKETS	...	...	...	...	...	...	334

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DONATIONS.

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LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS SUPPLIED TO THE NEWSROOM.

Those marked * are presented.

DAILY.

*Birmingham Daily Post	Morning Post
Daily Chronicle	Newcastle Chronicle
Daily Dispatch	North Mail
Daily Express	Northern Echo
Daily Mail	*Nottingham Daily Express
Daily Mirror	Scotsman
Daily News and Leader	Sheffield Daily Independent
Daily Sketch	Sheffield Daily Telegraph
Daily Telegraph	Standard
Eastern Morning News	Times
Financial News	Yorkshire Daily Observer
Freeman's Journal	Yorkshire Evening News
Glasgow Herald	Yorkshire Evening Post
Irish Times	Yorkshire Evening Press
Leeds Mercury	Yorkshire Herald
Liverpool Mercury	Yorkshire Post
Manchester Guardian	

WEEKLY.

Amateur Gardening	Clarion
Amateur Photographer	*Clark's Weekly
Architects' and Builders' Journal	*Common Cause
*Aspirant	*Co-operative News
Athenæum	Country Life
*Auto-Motor Journal	*Cumberland Pacquet
*Banner of Israel	Cycling
*Blackpool Herald	Economist
*Board of Trade Journal	Electrical Review
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory	Engineer
Boys' Own Paper	English Mechanic
British Journal of Photography	Era
*British Weekly	Exchange and Mart (3 times per week)
Broad Arrow	Feathered World
Builder	Field
Cabinet Maker	*Flight
*Canada	Gentlewoman
*Canadian Mail	Graphic
*Catholic Fireside	*Guardian
Christian Commonwealth	Horticultural Journal
*Christian Science Sentinel	Hospital
*Christian World	Illustrated London News
*Civil Service Candidate	*Illustrated Official Journal (Patents)
*Civil Service Competitor	

WEEKLY—(Continued).

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| Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News | *Sanitary Record |
| *India | Saturday Review |
| *Investors' Guardian | Saturday Westminster Gazette |
| *Irish Catholic | Scarbro' Gazette |
| Labour Leader | Schoolmaster |
| Lady | Schoolmistress |
| Lady's Pictorial | *Shop Assistant |
| Live Stock Journal | Sketch |
| Lloyd's Shipping Gazette | Spectator |
| *Local Government Chronicle | Sphere |
| *Local Government Journal | *Standard of Empire |
| *London County Council Gazette | Statist |
| *Midland Counties Herald | T.P.'s Weekly |
| *Motor Traction | *Tablet |
| Municipal Journal | Tatler |
| Nation | *Thirsk and District News |
| Nature | *Trade Marks Journal |
| Notes and Queries | Truth |
| Nursing Mirror | *Two Worlds |
| *People | *University Correspondent |
| Phonetic Journal | *Whitby Gazette |
| *Pocklington News | *Whitby Times |
| *Poultry | Work |
| *Practical Engineer | World |
| Public Opinion | *Yorkshire Chronicle and Delittle's |
| Punch | Advertiser |
| Queen | Yorkshire Gazette |
| Railway Gazette | Yorkshire Herald |
| Railway News | *Yorkshire News |
| Railway Review | Yorkshire Weekly Post |

MONTHLY.

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| *Acetylene | *Christian Science Journal |
| *Aeronautics | *Church Gazette |
| *Agricultural Economist | Commonwealth |
| *Animal World | Connoisseur |
| *Animals' Friend | *Conservative and Unicornist |
| *Animals' Guardian | Contemporary Review |
| Architectural Review | Cornhill Magazine |
| Army List | Country Side |
| *Arms and Explosives | *Covenant People |
| Art Journal | *Decorator |
| *Board of Trade Labour Gazette | *Deliverer |
| Bookman | *Depositor |
| Bradshaw | English Illustrated Magazine |
| *British Columbia | *Ferro-Concrete |
| British Printer | Fortnightly Review |
| Cassell's Magazine | *Free Church Chronicle |
| Century Magazine | Fry's Magazine |
| Chambers's Journal | *Garden Cities and Town Planning |

MONTHLY—(Continued).

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| Geographical Journal | Pall Mall Magazine |
| Girls' Own Paper | * Patents |
| * Glad Tidings | Pearson's Magazine |
| Harper's Magazine | * Positivist Review |
| * Herald of Health | Quiver |
| * Herald of Peace | * Railway Clerk |
| * Herald of the Cross | * Rechabite Magazine |
| * Home | Reporters' Journal |
| * Insurance Agent and Insurance Review | * Return of Deaths of Seamen |
| * Journal of the Board of Agriculture | Review of Reviews |
| * Journal of the Clerk of Works Association | Royal Magazine |
| Knowledge | St. Nicholas Magazine |
| Ladies' Home Journal | * Secretary |
| * Liberal Magazine | Scribner's Magazine |
| * Liberal Monthly | Socialist Review |
| * Liberator | * State Correspondent |
| London Magazine | Strand |
| * Modern Astrology | Studio |
| * Moravian Missions | * Theosophist |
| * Musical Herald | * Tongues of Fire |
| Musical Times | * Travellers' Gazette |
| * Nation in Arms | * Typographical Circular |
| * National Church | * United Empire |
| National Review | * Vulcan |
| New Church Magazine | * Warrant Officers' & Naval Journal |
| Nineteenth Century | Windsor Magazine |
| * Notes from Ireland | Woodworker |
| * Oddfellows' Magazine | World's Work |
| | * Zoophilist |

QUARTERLY.

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| * Anti-Slavery Reporter | * Men's Magazine |
| * Bird Notes and News | National Home Reading Union |
| Edinburgh Review | Magazines |
| English Historical Review | Progress |
| * Herald of the Golden Age | Quarterly Review |
| Hibbert Journal | |

OCCASIONAL.

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| * Colonial Journals, etc. | * Railway Time Tables, Guides, etc. |
| Directories, Calendars, etc. | |

NOTES.

Population of the City, 1911	...	...	...	...	82,297
Library Rate, one penny in the pound.					
Library Acts Adopted 15th October, 1891.					
News Room Opened 1st August, 1892.					
Library Opened by H.R.H. The Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.					
Library Stock (Lending) at Opening (in Vols.)	...	...	...	...	10,417
" " " at present time	...	...	...	...	21,316
Reference Stock	...	...	...	...	10,861
Reserve Stock	...	...	...	...	842
Blue Books	...	...	...	...	1,028
Pamphlets (Unbound)	...	...	...	...	517
Total Volumes issued from Commencement	...	...	...	...	2,995,880
Present number of Individual Borrowers (including 334 Juveniles)					5,463
Present Number of Second or Students' Tickets in use				...	642

York Institute (now the Public Library) acquired by York Corporation, 1st September, 1891.

York Institute Foundation Stone laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, 18th July, 1883. Opened by the Marquis of Lorne, June 10th, 1885.



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CITY OF YORK.

TWENTIETH GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Public Library Committee have satisfaction in approving the following Report of the City Librarian on the working of the Library for the year ending the 31st May, 1913.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my Twentieth Annual Report, giving the Statistical Tables which illustrate that portion of our work which can be tabulated, it is satisfactory to be able to state that the Institution still maintains its popularity as a public educational centre and a storehouse of intellectual profit and pleasure. In times so busy as the present, which have undoubtedly affected the attendances in our News and Magazine Rooms, it is not unusual to find a serious drop in the demand for reading, but the returns for the past twelve months—June, 1912, to May, 1913—shew, on the contrary, some little increase upon the figures for the previous year. The registered issue was 165,941 volumes, that for the previous period being 164,112, giving an increase of 1,829. In the Lending Library the number was 151,488, and in the Reference Library 14,453. But it should be remembered, as I have previously pointed out, that these figures do not fully represent the use of the books, inasmuch as many are consulted of which no count is attempted, whilst many of those of which a record is sought are from various causes issued without details being kept. Unless these facts are remembered, the tabulated figures are misleading as to the extent of the work of which they speak. Though it is interesting to have Returns—and the figures already given can be verified—it is recognised that the important point in the Reference Library is to make it of real service to the public in the quickest way possible, and every effort is made to

secure that end. So many people regard the very slight formality of filling up the application form in the Reference Room as irksome, that I sometimes wish it was possible to abolish it; but, admission being free to all without any ticket being required, it is difficult to imagine a less troublesome method of safeguarding our books, and it is a matter for regret that any who find the Library useful should be unwilling to assist us by complying with so trivial a requirement.

The number of Borrowers' Tickets in use at the close of May was 6,116, as against 6,105 of the same day of last year. Of these 5,175 were ordinary Tickets, 642 Students' Tickets, and 299 Juveniles' Tickets. There is a drop of 35 in the last-named, which I greatly regret, and I wish that some means could be devised by which every child on leaving school could be induced to use the Library. I am more than ever convinced that the best means of doing this would be to have the child entered as a borrower with a Juvenile's Ticket as soon as he reaches the age of twelve years, younger children continuing to use the books of the school as at present. If the Education Committee would undertake to reimburse any Head Teacher who might be called upon to pay a fine for loss or damage in respect of any pupil for whom he had become guarantor, I think the Head Masters and Mistresses would be more likely to interest themselves in securing this advantage for their scholars, and so establish the habit of attending the Library by the child whilst still at school. This has been done by some teachers who have voluntarily accepted the liability, and in such cases cause for complaint has been exceedingly rare, and the result has been a more or less permanent connection with the Library by the children after they have left school. I feel unable to advise the Library Committee to free children and their guarantors from the operation of the usual rule as to payment of fines, since that would remove the only protection against carelessness or improper use; but if the Head Master could be assisted by the Education Committee in this small way, and in the provision of Voucher Forms as required, then I suggest that the Signatures of Head Teachers should be accepted by the Library Committee whether they are on the Burgess List or not.

The Stock of both Libraries added together now numbers 36,371 items. The Lending Library now contains 22,192 volumes, last year's number being 21,316. The books added during the year number 915, and 294 worn-out volumes were replaced by fresh copies, 37 obsolete works being finally withdrawn. The Reference Library additions were 449, bringing the totals up to

11,284 volumes, Unbound Pamphlets 698, Blue Books 1,072, Reserve Stock 947, and Portraits, Photographs, Prints, &c., 178. A pleasing feature of the last-named collection is the increase in the number of portraits of people of note in the civic life of York. An effort has been made to obtain portraits of York authors, and the walls of one of the Reading Rooms are now made attractive by pictures representing local historians such as Davies, Drake, Thomas Gent, Hargrove, Charles Wellbeloved, and others. Some of these have been presented and it is hoped that others may be similarly acquired; but I cannot help a feeling of disappointment that more of our citizens do not manifest a desire to present engravings or books. Every year we are placed under further obligation to the same few benefactors, to whom we are grateful; but it is to be regretted that their example is not more frequently copied, as much interesting printed matter relating to local history is probably lying in private houses hidden and useless, an incumbrance only to be ruthlessly destroyed some day by those who will have no idea of its local importance. Added together, the Stock of both Libraries, apart from replacements, now numbers some eighteen hundred items more than was shewn in last year's Report. Notwithstanding periodical weeding-out of worn books not worth the expense of replacement, increase is bound to be continued, as in every really "live" Library, and it is again my duty to report that we shall shortly be compelled to provide additional shelf accommodation in order to meet the requirement and retain the classified order which is necessary for the speedy service of the public. The Stocktaking resulted satisfactorily, although several volumes of Fiction, old copies, have yet to be accounted for. In all probability the volumes will sooner or later be recovered, repeating our experience of previous years.

A new Catalogue of the books in the Fiction section of the Lending Library was published in February last. Of a size to fit an ordinary pocket, it has met with much favour, over 600 having been sold. Though this is the only fresh Catalogue published during the year, much Cataloguing work for use in the Library has been done, a large number of Book Lists have been prepared, and by the kindness of the Editors, which is much appreciated by myself and the borrowers, have appeared from time to time in the local newspapers. These have kept readers supplied with information of new additions, Class Lists on the subjects of local Lectures, topics of present-day interest, etc., and have been of considerable service.

Much labour of a kind never even imagined by the ordinary user of the Library is required from all the members of the staff in order to keep the work carried on up to date, and every effort has been made to maintain additional features which have been introduced during recent years in a satisfactory state. That the public are on the whole highly appreciative is evident, not merely from the absence of complaint, but by the direct statement which is at times volunteered, as in the case of a young man who recently told me he had found the Library to be invaluable, as he had obtained his University Degree very largely by the aid he had derived from the use of our books. With greater means we could do a greater work, but it must be satisfactory to the Committee to know that what is done is so useful.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR H. FURNISH,

YORK, June, 1913.

City Librarian.

It is again the pleasant duty of your Committee to record the gifts of Books or other interesting items by various friends of the Library. These have been acknowledged and thanks conveyed to the donors, whose names appear in the Appendix to this Report.

The opportunity is again taken by your Committee to draw the attention of all citizens to the desirability of making the Local Collection relating to the City and neighbourhood as complete as possible, and gifts towards realizing this end will be especially welcome.

The thanks of your Committee are again sincerely offered to the Proprietors and Editors of local newspapers for the assistance afforded in the publication of information relating to the contents of the Library and its work.

It is hoped during the coming Autumn to establish a series of "Talks to Children" about Books and their writers, with the view of informing the children of the contents of the Library and its methods, and stimulating their interest in its use. In

this work your Committee hope to receive the cordial help of the teachers of all schools in the City and of other friends of education who are qualified and willing to render assistance.

Your Committee have to report that during the year the Loan Debt has been reduced to £2,638 18s. 7d., being Loans owing £2,640, less amount in Sinking Fund £1 1s. 5d. On Revenue Account the Penny Rate realised £1,660, and Rent of Class Rooms, Sales of Catalogues, Fines, and Miscellaneous Receipts made the total Income £1,829 10s. 3d. The Expenditure, including the purchase of Books, amounted to £1,898 4s. 6d., leaving a deficit balance on the year of £68 14s. 3d., which has been transferred from the Book Purchasing Fund Account. A full financial statement appears in the printed Abstract of the Accounts of the York Corporation.

E. W. PURNELL,

15th July, 1913.

Chairman.

APPENDIX.



LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

Volumes in the Lending Library, 31st May, 1912	...	...	...	21,316
Added since:—				
By Purchase	...	...	...	886
„ Gift	...	...	...	23
„ Transfer	...	...	...	6
			—	915
				22,231
Deduct:—				
By Withdrawal	...	...	...	37
„ Binding	...	...	...	2
			—	39
Total Volumes in Stock, 31st May, 1913	...	...	...	22,192

ANALYSIS OF LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock, 31st May, 1912.		Stock, 31st May, 1913.	
	Works.	Volumes	Works.	Volumes.
A Religion and Philosophy ...	1194	1271	1239	1318
B Biography, History ...	2818	3452	2925	3568
C Travel ...	1131	1205	1198	1272
D Arts, Science, &c. ...	3232	3345	3427	3542
F Fiction ...	6684	6892	6922	7130
G Poetry and the Drama ...	472	563	492	583
H Essays and General Literature ...	1649	1862	1728	1941
J Juvenile Literature of all Classes	2726	2726	2838	2838
	19,906	21,316	20,769	22,192

REFERENCE LIBRARY—STOCK ACCOUNT.

Volumes in Stock, year ending 31st May, 1912 10,861

Added since :—

By Purchase	287	
By Gift	162	
	<u> </u>	449
		<u>11,310</u>

Deduct :—

By Transfer	8	
By Binding	1	
By Withdrawal	17	
	<u> </u>	26
		<u>11,284</u>

Volumes in Reserve Stock 947

Unbound Pamphlets 698

Government Blue Books 1,072

Miscellaneous Stock (Portraits, etc.) 178

ANALYSIS OF REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

Class.						Stock, 1912.	Stock, 1913.
0	General Works	...	...	...	...	2133	2248
1	Philosophy	...	...	...	...	128	129
2	Religion	...	...	...	...	619	657
3	Sociology	...	...	...	...	986	1045
4	Philology	...	...	...	...	176	181
5	Natural Science	...	...	...	...	726	736
6	Useful Arts	...	...	...	...	504	522
7	Fine Arts	...	...	...	...	722	775
8	Literature	...	...	...	...	1505	1551
9	History, Biography, Travel	...	...	...	...	3362	3440
						<u>10,861</u>	<u>11,284</u>

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Braille.	TOTAL.	* Daily Average for Days Open.
1912—13.											
June ...	129	277	237	694	6044	93	338	1700	5	9517	514
July ...	144	286	254	692	6808	78	434	2121	22	10839	433
August ...	156	409	310	890	7987	99	479	2175	23	12528	534
September ...	143	430	300	860	8035	123	481	2147	22	12541	545
October ...	195	445	351	929	7790	131	513	2359	21	12734	520
November ...	209	507	322	1010	8818	130	596	2464	4	14060	585
December ...	155	458	297	932	7556	126	521	2396	20	12461	580
January ...	201	481	368	1058	8732	145	580	2725	31	14321	585
February ...	197	491	417	1114	8566	106	517	2375	32	13815	628
March ...	203	495	415	1173	9296	100	542	2632	21	14877	676
April ...	180	444	389	1002	8494	124	451	2611	11	13706	571
May ...	127	337	263	707	6506	76	319	1721	33	10089	504
	2039	5060	3923	11061	94632	1331	5771	27426	245	151488	556

Days open ... 272½.

* Fractions not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

MONTH.	0 General Works.	1 Philosophy.	2 Religion.	3 Sociology.	4 Philology.	5 Natural Science.	6 Useful Arts.	7 Fine Arts.	8 Literature.	9 History, Biography, Travel.	Total.
1912—13.											
June ...	598	2	22	46	27	32	11	94	53	393	1278
July ...	691	3	28	81	25	11	32	71	20	224	1186
August ...	529	1	27	102	26	38	52	81	75	393	1324
September ...	765	6	22	98	9	29	39	86	67	296	1417
October ...	901	...	17	100	17	30	49	57	58	317	1546
November ...	791	5	43	96	9	11	72	64	78	200	1369
December ...	648	4	26	97	16	37	32	91	76	111	1138
January ...	611	2	27	65	31	34	91	58	64	235	1218
February ...	529	3	21	71	20	30	54	68	33	159	988
March ...	566	...	20	37	14	37	33	94	30	140	971
April ...	559	10	26	43	21	33	62	53	34	297	1138
May ...	519	8	20	19	6	18	50	69	36	135	880
	7707	44	299	855	221	340	577	886	624	2900	14453

MAGAZINE ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
1912—13.			
June... ..	25	13159	526
July	27	13473	499
August	26	6977	259
September	25	6238	250
October	27	5627	208
November	26	6526	251
December	23	6273	273
January	27	7410	275
February	24	7615	317
March	24	7357	307
April	26	6877	264
May... ..	26	6935	228
	306	94,467	309

NEWS ROOM ATTENDANCES.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
1912—13.			
June... ..	25	29068	1163
July	27	29660	1099
August	27	24907	922
September	25	22905	916
October	27	22738	842
November	26	22606	869
December	25	22414	897
January	27	26935	998
February	24	28359	1181
March	25	27080	1083
April	26	24279	934
May... ..	27	23179	859
	311	304,130	980

TABLE SHEWING NUMBER OF BORROWERS
ON MAY 31st, 1913.

Ordinary Tickets	5175
Students' "	642
Juvenile "	299
	<u>6116</u>

DONATIONS.

Gifts have been received from the Agents-General for Canada, New South Wales, Nova Scotia, South Australia and Western Australia; Ancient Society of York Florists; Mr. Tempest Anderson, M.D., J.P., York; Rev. Chancellor Austen, York; Board of Trade, London; Bootham Park, York; British Museum, London; Mr. J. Brown, York; Mr. S. M. Bryant, York; Messrs. Burrows & Co., Cheltenham; Mr. J. G. Butcher, K.C., M.P., Riccall; Messrs. Butler & Tanner, Frome; The Canadian Government; Carnegie Dunfermline Trustees, Dunfermline; Miss E. Carrington, Clifton, Bristol; Central Emigration Board, London; Clifton Wesleyan Sunday School Committee, York; Senhor Ramos-Coelho, Lisbon; Mr. B. G. C. Collier, Gateshead; Mr. R. B. Cooke, York; "Country-Side," London; Sir E. Durning-Lawrence, London; Mr. R. Ellis, London; Mr. J. Fenwick, York; Mr. A. Finney, York; Mr. A. H. Furnish, York; Mr. W. Giles, York; Mr. H. A. Gill, London; Mrs. Gutch, York; Mr. J. W. Hame, York; Mr. W. W. Hargrove, J.P., York; Mr. C. Harrison, York; Mr. A. Hemmens, York; High Commissioners for Australia, Canada and New Zealand; Mr. C. K. Hitchcock, M.A., M.D., York; Councillor J. M. Hogge, M.A., M.P.; Mr. J. Howard, York; Mr. J. Hume, York; "Illustrated London News," London; Incorporated Accountants' Society, London; International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners and Manufacturers' Associations, Manchester; Mons. C. Janet, London; Mr. C. J. Kleiser, York; Messrs. C. & E. Layton, London; Lecture Agency, Ltd., London; Sir B. T. Leech, Timperley; Leicester Municipal Libraries' Committee; The Leigh Browne Endowment, London; Liverpool Public Libraries' Committee; Mr. H. M. Loadman, York; London College of Music; General Editor, London Matriculation Directory; Medical Officer of Health, York; Councillor C. Morrell, J.P., York; Mr. D. Morrell, York; Councillor J. B. Morrell, York; National Health Insurance Commissioners, London; National Home Reading Union, London; National Union of Teachers, London; New York Public Library Committee; Mr. W. S. Ogden, London; Rev. Canon E. C. Owen, M.A., Castletown, I.O.M.; H.M. Patents Office, London; Messrs. J. & J. Paton, London; Miss Percy, York; Primrose League (Milner Habitation), York; Proportional Representation Society, London; Mr. A. S. Rowntree, M.P., York; Royal Sanitary Institute, London; St. Stephen's Orphanage, York; Mr. J. H. Schooling, London; Mr. H. Sell, London; Smethwick Public Library Committee; Mr. W. Smith, London; H.M. Stationery Office, London; Mr. E. E. Taylor, Malton; Mr. S. S. Terry, York; Testimony Publishing Co., Chicago; Miss Thackwray, York; Mr. W. P. Thompson, Liverpool; "Times," London; Town Clerks of Brighton, Harrogate, London, Northampton, Reading, Sheffield, York, and Christchurch, New Zealand; Universities of Birmingham, Dublin, Durham, Edinburgh, Leeds, Liverpool and London; University Tutorial Press, Cambridge; Messrs. J. W. T. Vickers & Co., London; Mr. W. Waddington, York; Wigan Public Library Committee; Women's Industrial Council, London; Worshipful Company of Basketmakers, London; York Art Gallery and Museum Committee; York Blue Coat Boys' and Grey Coat Girls' Charity Schools; York Branch of the N.S.P.C.C.; York Castle Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society; York Chamber of Commerce; York Charity Trustees; York Children's Fund Committee; York Corporation; York Education Committee; York Health and Housing Reform Association; York Liberal Association; York (Micklegate Ward) Strays' Trust; York Municipal Officers' Guild; York Musical Society; York Penitentiary Society; York Quarterly Meeting (Friends') Boys' and

Girls' Schools; York Railway Institute; York Union; York University Extension Society; York Walmgate Mission School; York Watermen's Institute; "Yorkshire Gazette;" "Yorkshire Herald;" Yorkshire Philosophical Society; Yorkshire School for the Blind; Yorkshire Union of Institutes and Yorkshire Village Libraries.

PERIODICALS, NEWSPAPERS, &C., FROM THE FOLLOWING :—Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, London; Board of Trade, London; Bootham (Friends') School, York; Miss Carrington, Clifton, Bristol; Chartered Institute of Secretaries, London; Clark's College, London; Messrs. T. Cook and Son, London; Rt. Rev. Mons. Provost Dawson, York; Messrs. Delittle, Fenwick and Co., York; Emigrants' Information Office, London; Garden Cities Association; Mrs. Gray, Acomb; Mrs. E. Gray, York; Rev. A. Ingleby, Worthing; Mr. A. Lee, London; Councillor J. B. Morrell, York; H.M. Patents Office; Miss Percy, York; Proportional Representation Society, London; Alderman E. W. Purnell, J.P., York; Railway Clerks' Association; Skerry's College, London; H.M. Stationery Office; Mr. L. Thompson, York; Mr. T. A. Waddington, York; Mr. W. Waddington, York; Mr. Watts, York; Mrs. K. E. T. Wilkinson, York; York Christian Science Society; York Conservative Association; York Equitable Industrial Society; York Free Church Council; York Liberal Association; York Oddfellows' Society; York Temperance Society; York Theosophical Society.

REPORTS OR BULLETINS, &C., FROM THE FOLLOWING LIBRARIES :—Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Baltimore, U.S.A., Barnsley, Barrow-in-Furness, Batley, Belfast, Beverley, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Pratt Institute), Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Cheltenham, Coventry, Derby, Dewsbury, Dundee, Gateshead, Gloucester, Grand Rapids, U.S.A., Great Yarmouth, Handsworth, Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield, Hyde, Ilkley, Ipswich, Keighley, Kettering, Kidderminster, Leeds, Leeds Institute, Lincoln, Liverpool, London :—Battersea, Bishopsgate Foundation, Cripplegate Institute, Hammersmith, Hampstead, Kensal Rise, Kingston-upon-Thames, London Library, Shoreditch, Stoke Newington, Wandsworth, Westminster, Willesden Green, Willesden (Kilburn), Los Angeles, U.S.A., Loughborough, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Newark-on-Trent, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Newcastle-under-Lyme, New York (Astor Lennox), Northampton, Norwich, Nottingham, Oldbury, Osaka (Japan), Paisley, Penarth, Portsmouth, Preston, Providence, U.S.A., Reading, Rochdale, St. Helens, Salem, U.S.A., Salford, Smethwick, Taunton, Tottenham, Walthamstow, Watford, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Whitehaven, Wigan, Windsor (Canada), Workington.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS SUPPLIED TO THE NEWSROOM.

Those marked * are presented.

DAILY.

*Birmingham Daily Post	Manchester Guardian
Daily Citizen	Morning Post
Daily Chronicle	Newcastle Chronicle
Daily Dispatch	North Mail
Daily Express	Northern Echo
Daily Mail	*Nottingham Daily Express
Daily Mirror	Scotsman
Daily News and Leader	Sheffield Daily Independent
Daily Sketch	Sheffield Daily Telegraph
Daily Telegraph	Standard
Eastern Morning News	Times
Financial News	Yorkshire Daily Observer
Freeman's Journal	Yorkshire Evening News
Glasgow Herald	Yorkshire Evening Post
Irish Times	Yorkshire Evening Press
Leeds Mercury	Yorkshire Herald
Liverpool Mercury	Yorkshire Post

WEEKLY.

Amateur Gardening	*Civil Service Candidate
Amateur Photographer	*Civil Service Competitor
Architects' & Builders' Journal	Clarion
*Aspirant	*Clark's Weekly
Athenæum	*Common Cause
*Auto-Motor Journal	*Co-operative News
*Banner of Israel	Country Life
*Board of Trade Journal	*Cumberland Pacquet
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory	Cycling
Boys' Own Paper	Economist
*British Australasian	Electrical Review
British Journal of Photography	Engineer
*British Weekly	English Mechanic
Broad Arrow	Era
Builder	Exchange and Mart (three times per week)
Cabinet Maker	Feathered World
*Canada	Field
*Canadian	*Flight
*Canadian Agency	Gentlewoman
*Canadian Mail	Graphic
*Catholic Fireside	*Guardian
Christian Commonwealth	Horticultural Journal
*Christian Science Sentinel	Hospital
*Christian World	

WEEKLY.—(Continued).

Illustrated London News
 *Illustrated Official Journal (Patents)
 Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News
 *India
 *Investors' Guardian
 *Irish Catholic
 Labour Leader
 Lady
 Lady's Pictorial
 Live Stock Journal
 Lloyd's Shipping Gazette
 *Local Government Chronicle
 *Local Government Journal
 *London County Council Gazette
 *Midland Counties Herald
 *Morecambe Visitor
 *Motor Traction
 Municipal Journal
 Nation
 Nature
 Notes and Queries
 Nursing Mirror
 *People
 Phonetic Journal
 *Pocklington News
 *Poultry
 *Practical Engineer
 Public Opinion
 Punch
 Queen
 Railway Gazette

Railway News
 Railway Review
 *Sanitary Record
 Saturday Review
 Saturday Westminster Gazette
 Scarborough Gazette
 Schoolmaster
 Schoolmistress
 *Shop Assistant
 Sketch
 Spectator
 Sphere
 Statist
 *Suffragette
 T.P.'s Weekly
 *Tablet
 Tatler
 *Thirsk and District News
 *Trade Marks Journal
 Truth
 *Two Worlds
 *Votes for Women
 *Whitby Gazette
 *Whitby Times
 Work
 World
 *Yorkshire Chronicle and Delittle's
 Advertiser
 Yorkshire Gazette
 Yorkshire Herald
 *Yorkshire News
 Yorkshire Weekly Post

MONTHLY.

*Abolitionist
 *Acetylene
 *Aeronautics
 *Agricultural Economist
 *Animal World
 *Animals' Friend
 *Animals' Guardian
 Architectural Review
 Army List
 *Arms and Explosives
 *Board of Trade Labour Gazette
 Bookman
 Bradshaw
 *British Columbia
 British Printer
 Cassell's Magazine
 Century Magazine

Chambers's Journal
 *Christian Science Journal
 *Church Gazette
 *Commonwealth
 Connoisseur
 Contemporary Review
 Cornhill Magazine
 Country Side
 *Covenant People
 *Decorator
 *Deliverer
 *Depositor
 *Educational Review
 English Illustrated Magazine
 *Ferro-Concrete
 Fortnightly Review
 *Free Church Chronicle

MONTHLY.—(Continued).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fry's Magazine *Garden Cities and Town Planning Geographical Journal Girls' Own Paper *Glad Tidings Harper's Magazine *Herald of Health *Herald of Peace *Home *Insurance Agent and Insurance Review *Journal of the Board of Agriculture *Journal of the Clerk of Works Association Knowledge Ladies' Home Journal *Liberal Magazine *Liberal Monthly *Liberator London Magazine *Modern Astrology *Moravian Missions *Musical Herald Musical Times *Nation in Arms *National Church National Review *New Church Magazine Nineteenth Century *Notes from Ireland *Oddfellows Magazine *Our Flag Pall Mall Magazine | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Patents Pearson's Magazine *Positivist Review Printer's Ink Quiver *Railway Clerk *Rechabite Magazine Reporters' Journal *Return of Deaths of Seamen Review of Reviews Royal Magazine St. Nicholas Magazine *Secretary Scribner's Magazine Socialist Review *State Correspondent Strand Magazine Studio *Theosophist *Tongues of Fire *Travellers' Gazette *Typographical Circular *United Empire *University Correspondent *Vulcan *Warrant Officers' and Naval Journal Windsor Magazine Woodworker World's Work *Y.M.C.A. Review *Zoophilist |
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QUARTERLY.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Anti-Slavery Reporter *Bird Notes and News *Bootham Edinburgh Review English Historical Review *Herald of the Golden Age Hibbert Journal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *National Home Reading Union Magazine Navy List *Our Race Quarterly *Peterite Progress Quarterly Review *Sphinx |
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OCCASIONAL.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Colonial Journals, etc. Directories, Calendars, etc. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Railway Time Tables, Guides, etc. |
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NOTES.

Population of the City, 1911		82,297
Library Rate, one penny in the pound.		
Library Acts Adopted 15th October, 1891.		
News Room Opened 1st August, 1892.		
Library Opened by H.R.H. The Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.		
Library Stock (Lending) at Opening (in Vols.)	... ..	10,417
" " " at present time	... ..	22,192
Reference Stock	... ..	11,284
Reserve Stock	... ..	947
Blue Books	... ..	1,072
Pamphlets (Unbound)	... ..	698
Miscellaneous (Portraits, etc.)	... ..	178
Total Volumes Issued from Commencement	... ..	3,161,831
Present number of Tickets in use (including 299 Juveniles)	... ..	6,116

York Institute (now the Public Library) acquired by York Corporation.
1st September, 1891.

York Institute Foundation Stone laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales,
18th July, 1883. Opened by The Marquis of Lorne, June 10th, 1885.



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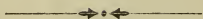
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Committee for 1913-1914.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE LORD MAYOR OF YORK,
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Junior Assistant :—J. WALSH.

CITY OF YORK.

TWENTY-FIRST GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Public Library Committee have satisfaction in approving the following Report of the City Librarian on the working of the Library for the year ending the 31st May, 1914.

To the Chairman & Members of the Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

The Twenty-First Annual Report, which I now have the honour to present, is a record of a year's steady work with results, taken altogether, very similar to those shewn in the last Report. The Statistical Tables appended give some evidence of the extent and importance of it, but they cannot shew the real amount of work done, or its value.

Briefly summarised, the Tables shew that the Total Stock of the Library is 37,801 items. In the Lending Library the volumes number 22,805, being a net increase of 613. In the Reference Library the catalogued books number 11,721, Reserve Stock 1,004, Unbound Pamphlets 798, Blue Books 1,279, Prints and Photographs, etc., 194. The net increase in the whole Library is therefore 1,430. These figures, however, do not include replacements of worn-out books, which this year numbered 502 volumes. Worn-out books to the number of 154 were withdrawn, being out of print or not worthy of replacement. The books rebound numbered 784, besides many minor repairs.

The volumes issued during the year from the Lending Library numbered 147,456, with an average daily issue of 550 against 556 last year.

It is interesting to find that 346 books in Braille or Moon type were issued to blind readers. This shews that, prior to the national effort now being made for the blind, some effort has been made to meet their needs. It is to be hoped that the effort referred to may reduce the cost to Public Libraries, through which it seems to me the blind reader can be most effectively assisted.

In the Reference Library the registered issues were 14,895, against 14,453 last year, but for various reasons so many applications are attended to without being registered that these figures give a very insufficient idea of the actual result.

Borrowers' Tickets in force for the Lending Library on 31st May included 5,134 Ordinary Tickets, 584 Students' Tickets and 346 Juvenile Tickets, giving a total of 6,064, being 52 less than the total twelve months ago. The number of Borrowers to whom postal applications for the return of Books had to be sent was 635, many requiring a second or third application, followed by personal visits. The number of Fines paid during the year was 4,890.

Referring to the large number of Books it has been necessary to replace during the year, I may point out that one of the disquieting features of the present day, from the Librarian's point of view, is the lessened durability of the modern ordinary book. The paper and binding materials and methods adopted are so often inferior that the life of a book is much less than it was in former days. A showy appearance, even if it is really artistic, is a poor substitute for the strength and wearing power of similar books of some years ago. The porous, fluffy, or air blown paper on which many novels and some other books are now printed, tears much sooner, becomes dirtier much more quickly, and falls away from its binding much more easily than was the case when good materials were used. The expenditure and labour in keeping the Stock in a condition satisfactory to the Borrower are greatly increased, and there seems to be little hope for improvement. Many of the cheap reprints of to-day are admirable for the private buyer, but the price of books other than these reprints undoubtedly increases, and, together with the growth of the net system, is imposing an additional strain upon the ord-

inary Public Library whose income is small but whose circulation of books is great. These considerations clearly indicate how fast the penny is shrinking in value and how serious a question it is likely to become.

Though the Lending Library was closed for a few days only for the Annual Stock-taking, which has again been carefully done, the calling in of all the books has the effect of reminding Borrowers of its value to them. More than once people were heard saying "What I should do without the Library I really don't know!" A list of the more serious books asked for on the re-opening day would shew that novels are not the only works in demand, as some erroneously assert. Such a list would shew, too, a greater catholicity in taste and judgment than some of our critics would expect. People who delight only in Fiction are hardly likely to hurry on the re-opening morning for books like Sidgwick's *Scope and Relation of Philosophy*, Euchen's *Can we still be Christians?*, Figgis on *The Divine Right of Kings*, Mowatt's *Wars of the Roses*, Rudall's *Life of Beethoven*, Jones's *Holy Roman Empire*, Low's *Egypt in Transition*, Robinson's *Haussaland*, Hughes's *Book of the Black Forest*, Long's *Dairy Farming*, Wallace's *Scientific Studies*, Strasburger's *Botany*, Henslow's *Heredity of Character in Plants*, Nelson's *Ancient Painted Glass*, Walker's and Senter's *Practical Chemistry*, Gerard's *Clockmaking*, Ratzel's *History of Mankind*, *The Childhood of Man* by Frobenius, Planché's *British Costume*, *Poetry by Meynell* and *Noyes*, Courthope's *History of Poetry*, Leigh Hunt's *Essays*, Wagner's *Rhinegold*, Webster's *Groundwork of Music*, Patterson's *How to Listen to an Orchestra*, Lanciani's *The Renaissance in Rome*, or Poincare's *Science and Method*, all of which, together with other similar works, were asked for on the opening day.

An effort to further develop the work of the Library for Children was made during the year, and, though unforeseen difficulties prevented its full realization, some progress was made. Some twelve hundred children, in charge of their teachers, visited the Library, with the approval of H.M. Inspector, and they were conducted over the various departments and examined the books specially displayed for the purpose. At your request and that of the Teachers' Committee, your Librarian gave an address on their Reading and Use of the Library. The close attention shewn by the children on each of the nine occasions on which

this was given, and the keen interest they displayed in their visits, fully justified the experiment.

Though no Catalogues have been printed during the year, Class Lists of the Sections of Philosophy and Religion have been in preparation and are almost ready for the press. The Catalogue for Children is now out of print and, if a re-issue cannot be afforded, some reduced form of Book List would seem to be necessary.

The question of additional shelving, referred to in my Report last year, has had to be deferred. Indeed the provision of further facilities is generally in suspense, pending the result of the application which has been made to the Carnegie Trust. Otherwise the thorough overhauling, painting, and decoration of the building would demand serious attention.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR H. FURNISH,

YORK, June, 1914.

City Librarian.

Your Committee regret to have to record the loss by death of another of their number, Dr. Tempest Anderson, J.P., who had been a Member of the Committee since its formation.

Your Committee desire to acknowledge Presentations of Books, Portraits, or other interesting items by friends of the Library. These have been individually thanked, and their names are shewn in the Appendix.

Your Committee feel much indebted to the Editors of the local Newspapers for their help in giving, from time to time, Lists of Books added to the Library, special Book Lists on the subjects of Lectures, &c. These are of considerable assistance to the readers generally.

Your Committee greatly regret that at the Citizens' Meeting held on the 16th January, 1914, for the purpose of considering the Corporation's Bill to be promoted in Parliament, it was re-

solved to eliminate the Clause proposing to increase the rating power of the Corporation for Library purposes by one halfpenny if the Corporation should at any time deem it necessary. Though the proposed Clause met with considerable support in the City, it was unexpectedly defeated at the Public Meeting.

Your Committee would like to record their high appreciation of the services of Mr. Furnish and his Staff. They depend upon their Chief Librarian for the successful working of the Institution, and are glad to know that the courteous attention shewn to the readers at the Library is appreciated by the Citizens.

Your Committee have to report that during the year the Loan Debt has been reduced to £2,540 14s. 5d. On Revenue Account the Penny Rate realised £1,660 and Rent of Class Rooms, Sales of Catalogues, Fines, and miscellaneous receipts made the total income £1,817 3s. 1d. The Expenditure, including the purchase of Books, amounted to £1,785 7s. 4d., leaving a surplus balance on the year of £31 15s. 9d., which has been transferred to the Book Purchasing Fund Account. This balance has resulted from the postponement of the printing of further Catalogues, for which £40 had been allocated, and will of course, be required during the coming year. A full financial statement appears in the printed Abstract of the Accounts of the York Corporation.

J. B. MORRELL,

21st July, 1914.

Chairman.

APPENDIX.

LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

Volumes in the Lending Library, 31st May, 1913 22,192

Added since :—

By Purchase	744
„ Gift	28
„ Transfer	1
	773
	22,965

Deduct :—

By Binding	2
„ Replacing... ..	1
„ Withdrawal	154
„ Transfer	3
	160

Total Volumes in Stock, 31st May, 1914 22,805

ANALYSIS OF LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock, 31st May, 1913.		Stock, 31st May, 1914.	
	Works.	Volumes.	Works.	Volumes.
A Religion and Philosophy	1239	1318	1272	1353
B Biography, History	2925	3568	3004	3651
C Travel	1198	1272	1229	1306
D Arts, Science, &c.	3427	3542	3619	3735
F Fiction	6922	7130	7095	7303
G Poetry and the Drama	492	583	508	600
H Essays and General Literature	1728	1941	1735	1948
J Juvenile Literature of all Classes...	2838	2838	2909	2909
	20,769	22,192	21,371	22,805

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama	H Essays and General Literature	J Juvenile Literature.	Braille.	TOTAL.	*Daily Average for Days Open.
1913—14.											
June ...	107	231	181	515	4420	61	259	1102	18	6894	493
July ...	140	326	280	771	6610	118	318	1863	17	10443	426
August ...	138	335	327	784	7437	82	300	1945	2	11350	493
September ...	144	356	347	861	7754	99	411	2077	27	12076	503
October ...	162	445	302	992	8281	79	507	2443	34	13245	540
November ...	170	486	320	1080	8586	86	501	2389	14	13632	593
December ...	131	436	312	875	7720	87	430	2306	41	12338	548
January ...	164	446	381	1109	9868	114	579	2744	50	15455	631
February ...	152	458	349	1047	9010	99	481	2319	34	13949	634
March ...	179	477	325	1079	9416	90	448	2778	25	14817	617
April ...	158	408	272	837	8167	97	372	2579	44	12934	602
May ...	124	296	221	681	6766	71	285	1839	40	10323	503
	1769	4700	3617	10631	94035	1083	4891	26384	346	147456	550

Days open ... 268.

*Fractions not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

MONTH.	0 General Works.	1 Philosophy	2 Religion.	3 Sociology.	4 Philology.	5 Natural Science.	6 Useful Arts.	7 Fine Arts.	8 Literature.	9 History, Biography, Travel.	Total.
1913—14.											
June ...	464	1	20	31	10	37	109	37	41	193	943
July ...	617	2	74	40	19	38	119	45	34	305	1293
August ...	396	...	10	25	12	40	47	63	32	169	794
September ...	388	11	22	43	14	46	79	80	27	150	860
October ...	955	1	31	61	35	18	76	138	30	335	1680
November ...	795	3	10	121	323	27	73	159	112	268	1891
December ...	472	1	34	86	236	17	88	67	32	172	1205
January ...	595	2	38	131	22	63	63	166	71	230	1381
February ...	541	2	11	69	51	25	85	144	79	337	1344
March ...	619	9	9	60	56	50	32	154	79	223	1291
April ...	582	7	13	49	30	46	124	125	37	133	1146
May ...	564	...	26	32	11	43	75	110	33	173	1067
	6988	39	298	748	819	450	970	1288	607	2688	14895

MAGAZINE ROOM ATTENDANCES, 1913-14.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
June... ..	25	6159	246
July	27	7133	264
August	25	6409	256
September	26	6297	242
October	27	7262	269
November	25	6366	255
December	25	7432	297
January	27	8021	297
February	24	7598	317
March	26	8002	308
April	24	6495	271
May	26	6696	258
	307	83,870	273

NEWS ROOM ATTENDANCES, 1913-14.

Date.	Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
June... ..	25	21,232	849
July	27	23,382	866
August	26	22,540	867
September	26	24,577	945
October	27	26,707	989
November	25	23,229	929
December	26	25,124	966
January	27	29,337	1087
February	24	30,972	1290
March	26	35,537	1367
April	25	23,696	948
May... ..	26	21,378	822
	310	307,711	993

TABLE SHEWING NUMBER OF BORROWERS
ON MAY 31st, 1914.

Ordinary Tickets	...	...	5134
Students' "	...	...	584
Juvenile "	...	...	346
			<u>6064</u>

DONATIONS.

Gifts have been received from the Agents-General for Canada, New South Wales, South Australia, and Western Australia ; Mrs. Allen, Ilfracombe ; Anglo-Continental Publishing Co., Ltd. ; Mr. F. Arey, York ; Mr. G. C. Briars, Atherton ; Board of Trade, London ; Messrs. Blacklock and Co., London ; Mr. G. Benson, York ; Mr. J. G. Butcher, K.C., M.P., Riccall ; Mr. N. Buxton, M.P., London ; Messrs. Carson and Comerford, London ; Central Emigration Board, London ; Channel Tunnel Co., London ; Chartered Institute of Secretaries, London ; Messrs. J. and A. Churchill, London ; Mr. C. Cobb, York ; The Consulado-General del Paraguay, London ; Co-operative Wholesale Society, Ltd., Manchester ; Messrs. Crane, Crane, and Co., London ; Mr. J. A. C. Deas, Sunderland ; Rev. A. Emery, Rugby ; Mr. J. Fenwick, York ; Mr. A. Finney, York ; Mr. E. K. Francis, Colchester ; Froebel Society, London ; "Gardening," London ; Mrs. Gardiner, York ; General Managers of the Caledonian, Furness, Glasgow and South Western, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, London and North Western, North Eastern, South Eastern and Chatham Railway Companies ; Mr. R. B. Grant, Bardonia Hill, Leicester ; Alderman Norman Green, J.P. ; Mr. T. W. Hall, Sheffield ; Mr. J. S. Hansom, London ; Mr. W. W. Hargrove, J.P., York ; Mr. A. Hemmens, York ; High Commissioners for Australia, Canada, and New Zealand ; Mr. J. M. Hogge, M.A., M.P., London ; Mr. J. Howard, York ; Hull Corporation ; Mr. L. Huntley, Beverley ; Mr. J. B. Hurry, Reading ; Incorporated Accountants' Society, London ; India Office, London ; International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Associations, Manchester ; John Rylands Library, Manchester ; Mr. A. W. Kerr, Edinburgh ; Mr. C. J. Kleiser, York ; Mr. B. Lasker, York ; General Editor, London Matriculation Directory ; Mr. A. Lucas, London ; Marconi Press Agency, London ; Messrs. Mather and Crowther, Ltd., London ; Messrs. A. Matthews and Co., London ; Medical Officer of Health, York ; Councillor J. B. Morrell, York ; National Committee for the Prevention of Destitution, London ; National Health Insurance Commissioners, London ; National Union of Teachers, London ; Mr. G. A. Page, London ; H.M. Patents Office, London ; Messrs. J. and J. Paton, London ; Mr. J. R. Penty, York ; Editors of "The Peterite," York ; Miss I. J. Postgate, Whitby ; Municipality of Pretoria, S. A. ; Dr. H. Putnam, Washington, U.S.A. ; Mr. C. Roskell, London ; Mr. A. S. Rowntree, M.P., York ; Manager of the Royal Baths, Harrogate ; Royal Colonial Institute, London ; Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh ; Royal Insurance Company, Liverpool ; Royal Sanitary Institute, London ; Royal Society of Arts, London ; Mr. J. W. T. Rumfitt, York ; St. Anselm's Society, London ; Messrs. P. Spicer and Son, Leamington ; H.M. Stationery Office, London ; Mrs. L. E. Stuart, Carrow Abbey, Norwich ; Testimony Publishing Co., Chicago, U.S.A. ; Theosophical Society, London ; Town Clerks of Reading, Shrewsbury, and York ; Trades Directories, Ltd., Birmingham ; Universities of Birmingham, Cambridge, Dublin, Durham, Edinburgh, Leeds, Liverpool, London, and Oxford ; University Tutorial Press, Cambridge ; Sir W. Wedderburn, Bart., London ; Mr. H. G. Wigston, London ; Councillor K. E. T. Wilkinson, B.A., LL.B., York ; Mr. J. C. Williams, Gorran, Cornwall ; Mr. Wilson, York ; Rev. R. C. Wilton, Market Weighton ; Women's Industrial Council, London ; Working Men's Club and Institute Union, Ltd., London ; York Architectural Association ; York Art Gallery and Museum Committee ; York Blue Coat Boys' and Grey Coat Girls' Charity Schools, York ; York Branch of the N.S.P.C.C. ; York Chamber of Commerce ; York Charity Trustees ; York Corporation ; York Dispensary and Maternity Hospital ;

York Education Committee ; York Health and Housing Reform Association ; York Liberal Association ; York (Micklegate Ward) Strays Trust ; York University Extension Society ; " Yorkshire Gazette " ; " Yorkshire Herald " ; Yorkshire Philosophical Society.

PERIODICALS, NEWSPAPERS, &C., FROM THE FOLLOWING :—Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, London ; Board of Trade, London ; Bootham (Friends') School, York ; Miss Carrington, Clifton, Bristol ; Chartered Institute of Secretaries, London ; Chartered Institute of Accountants, London ; Clark's College, London ; Messrs. T. Cook and Son, London ; Rt. Rev. Mons. Provost Dawson, York ; Messrs. Delittle, Fenwick, and Co., York ; Emigrants' Information Office, London ; Garden Cities Association ; Mrs. Gray, Acomb ; Mrs. E. Gray, York ; Rev. A. Ingleby, Worthing ; Incorporated Society of Accountants and Auditors, London ; Miss Key Jones, York ; Mr. A. Leo, London ; Councillor J. B. Morrell, York ; Mr. C. B. Parkin, York ; H.M. Patents Office, London ; Miss Percy, York ; Proportional Representation Society, London ; Alderman E. W. Purnell, J.P., York ; Railway Clerks' Association ; Skerry's College, London ; H.M. Stationery Office, London ; Mr. L. Thompson, York ; Mr. T. A. Waddington, York ; Mr. Walter Waddington, York ; Mr. Watts, York ; Mrs. K. E. T. Wilkinson, York ; York and District Teachers' Association ; York Christian Science Society ; York Conservative Association ; York Equitable Industrial Society ; York Free Church Council ; York Liberal Association ; York Musical Society ; York Oddfellows' Society ; York Temperance Society ; York Theosophical Society ; York Young Men's Christian Association ; York University Extension Society ; and the Editors and Publishers of various Trades Journals, and anonymous Friends of the Library.

REPORTS OR BULLETINS, &C., FROM THE FOLLOWING LIBRARIES :—Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Baltimore (U.S.A.), Barrow-in-Furness, Batley, Belfast, Beverley, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Brooklyn (Pratt Institute, N.Y., U.S.A.), Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cardiff, Cheltenham, Colchester, Cork, Coventry, Derby, Dewsbury, Eastbourne, Grand Rapids (U.S.A.), Hornsey, Hove, Hyde, Ipswich, Keighley, Kettering, Kidderminster, Leeds, Leeds Institute, Leyton, Liverpool, London :—Bishopsgate Foundation, Chelsea, Cripplegate Institute, Kensal Rise, Kingston-upon-Thames, Shoreditch, Stoke Newington, Wandsworth, Westminster, Willesden Green, Willesden (Kilburn), Wimbledon, Los Angeles, (U.S.A.), Loughborough, Manchester, Middlesbrough, New York, Astor Lennox (U.S.A.), Newark-on-Trent, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Norwich, Northampton, Nottingham, Osaka (Japan), Paisley, Penarth, Providence (U.S.A.), Rochdale, St. Helen's, Salem (U.S.A.), Salford, Smethwick, Sunderland, Taunton, Tottenham, Walthamstow, Watford, Whitehaven, Wigan, Windsor (Canada), Workington.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS SUPPLIED TO THE READING ROOMS.

Those marked * are presented.

DAILY.

*Birmingham Daily Post
Daily Chronicle
Daily Citizen
Daily Dispatch
Daily Express
Daily Mail
Daily Mirror
Daily News and Leader
Daily Sketch
Daily Telegraph
Eastern Morning News
Financial News
Freeman's Journal
Glasgow Herald
Irish Times
Leeds Mercury
Liverpool Mercury
Manchester Guardian

Morning Post
Newcastle Chronicle
North Mail
*North Star
Northern Echo
*Nottingham Daily Express
Scotsman
Sheffield Daily Independent
Sheffield Daily Telegraph
Standard
Times
Yorkshire Daily Observer
Yorkshire Evening News
Yorkshire Evening Post
Yorkshire Evening Press
Yorkshire Herald
Yorkshire Post

WEEKLY.

Amateur Gardening
Amateur Photographer
Architects' and Builders' Journal
*Aspirant
Athenæum
*Australian Official Journal of
Patents
*Australian Official Journal of
Trade Marks
*Auto-Motor Journal
*Banner of Israel
*Board of Trade Journal
*Bournemouth Visitors' Directory
British Journal of Photography
*British Weekly
Broad Arrow
Builder
Cabinet Maker
*Canadian Agency
*Canadian Mail
*Catholic Fireside
Christian Commonwealth
*Christian Science Sentinel
*Christian World
*Civil Service Candidate
Clarion

*Clarke's Educator
*Common Cause
*Co-operative News
Country Life
*Cumberland Pacquet
Cycling
Economist
Electrical Review
Engineer
English Mechanic
Era
Exchange and Mart (three times per
week)
Feathered World
Field
*Flight
Gentlewoman
Graphic
*Guardian
*Homefinder
Hospital
Illustrated London News
*Illustrated Official Journal(Patents)
Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic
News
*India

WEEKLY—(Continued).

- *Investors' Guardian
- *Irish Catholic
- Labour Leader
- Lady
- Lady's Pictorial
- Live Stock Journal
- Lloyd's Shipping Gazette
- *Local Government Chronicle
- *Local Government Journal
- *London County Council Gazette
- *Midland Counties Herald
- *Morecambe Visitor
- *Motor Traction
- Municipal Journal
- Nation
- Nature
- New Statesman
- *New Zealand Patents Office
- Journal
- Notes and Queries
- Nursing Mirror
- *People
- Phonetic Journal
- *Pocklington News
- *Poultry
- *Practical Engineer
- Public Opinion
- Punch
- Queen
- Railway Gazette
- Railway News
- Railway Review
- *Sanitary Record
- Saturday Review
- Saturday Westminster Gazette
- Scarborough Gazette
- Schoolmaster
- Schoolmistress
- *Shop Assistant
- Sketch
- Spectator
- Sphere
- Statist
- *Suffragette
- T.P.'s Weekly
- *Tablet
- Tatler
- *Thirsk and District News
- *Trade Marks Journal
- Truth
- *Two Worlds
- *Votes for Women
- *Whitby Gazette
- *Whitby Times
- Work
- World
- *Yorkshire Chronicle and Delittle's
- Advertiser
- Yorkshire Gazette
- Yorkshire Herald
- *Yorkshire News
- Yorkshire Weekly Post

MONTHLY.

- *Abolitionist
- *Acetylene
- *Aeronautics
- *Agricultural Economist
- *Animal World
- *Animals' Friend
- *Animals' Guardian
- Architectural Review
- Army List
- *Arms and Explosives
- *Board of Trade Labour Gazette
- Bookman
- Boys' Own Paper
- Bradshaw
- *British Columbia
- British Printer
- Century Magazine
- Chambers's Journal
- *Christian Science Journal
- *Church Gazette
- *Commonwealth
- Connoisseur
- Contemporary Review
- Cornhill Magazine
- Country Side
- *Covenant People
- *Decorator
- *Deliverer
- *Educational Review
- Fortnightly Review
- *Free Church Chronicle
- Fry's Magazine
- *Garden Cities and Town Planning
- Geographical Journal
- Girls' Own Paper
- *Glad Tidings
- Harper's Magazine
- *Herald of Peace
- *Home
- *Insurance Agent & Insurance Review

MONTHLY—(Continued).

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| *Journal of the Board of Agriculture | Quiver |
| *Journal of the Clerk of Works Association | *Railway Clerk |
| Knowledge | *Rechabite Magazine |
| Ladies Home Journal | Reporter's Journal |
| *Liberal Magazine | *Return of Deaths of Seamen |
| *Liberal Monthly | Review of Reviews |
| *Liberator | Royal Magazine |
| London Magazine | St. Nicholas Magazine |
| *Modern Astrology | Scribner's Magazine |
| *Moravian Missions | *Secretary |
| Musical Herald | Strand Magazine |
| Musical Times | Studio |
| *Nation in Arms | *Theosophist |
| *National Church | *Tongues of Fire |
| National Review | *Travellers' Gazette |
| *New Church Magazine | *United Empire |
| Nineteenth Century | *University Correspondent |
| *Notes from Ireland | *Vulcan |
| *Oddfellows Magazine | *Warrant Officers' and Naval Journal |
| *Our Flag | Windsor Magazine |
| Pall Mall Magazine | Woodworker |
| *Patents | World's Work |
| Pearson's Magazine | *Y.M.C.A. Review |
| *Positivist Review | *Zoophilist |
| Printer's Ink | |

QUARTERLY.

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| *Anti-Slavery Reporter | Navy List |
| *Bird Notes and News | *Northern British-Israel Review |
| *Bootham | *Our Race Quarterly |
| Edinburgh Review | *Peterite |
| English Historical Review | Progress |
| *Herald of the Golden Age | Quarterly Review |
| Hibbert Journal | Socialist Review |
| *National Home Reading Union | *Sphinx |
| Magazine | |

OCCASIONAL.

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| *Colonial Journals, etc. | *Railway Time Tables, Guides, etc. |
| Directories, Calendars, etc. | |

NOTES.

Population of the City, 1911	...	...	...	...	...	82,297
Library Rate, one penny in the pound.						
Library Act Adopted 15th October, 1891.						
News Room Opened 1st August, 1892.						
Library Opened by H.R.H. The Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.						
Library Stock (Lending) at Opening (in Vols.)	...	...	...	...	...	10,417
" " " at present time	...	...	...	...	...	22,805
Reference Stock	...	...	...	...	...	11,721
Reserve Stock	...	...	...	...	...	1,004
Blue Books	...	...	...	...	...	1,279
Pamphlets (Unbound)	...	...	...	...	...	798
Miscellaneous (Portraits, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	194
Present number of Tickets in use (including 346 Juveniles)	...	...	...	...	...	6,064

York Institute (now the Public Library) acquired by York Corporation,
1st September, 1891.

York Institute Foundation Stone laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales,
18th July, 1883. Opened by The Marquis of Lorne, June 10th, 1885.



CITY OF YORK.

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CITY OF YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Committee for 1914-1915.

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*Deputy Librarian :—*F. BEWLAY.

*First Assistant :—*A. FINNEY.

*Senior Assistants :—*S. M. BRYANT; R. DOHERTY.
(on active service)

*Junior Assistant :—*J. WALSH.



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Public Library,
Clifford Street,
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CITY OF YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY.



CITY OF YORK.

TWENTY-SECOND GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Public Library Committee have satisfaction in approving the following Report of the City Librarian on the working of the Library for the ten months ending the 31st March, 1915.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

From the commencement of the Public Library it has been customary to make the 31st May the end of the Library year because of the Annual Stocktaking being fixed for that date. The whole of the figures given in Annual Reports therefore fitted with the actual results ascertained on taking Stock, and were verified with absolute certainty. But this arrangement had the disadvantage of not agreeing with the financial year of the Corporation, which ends on March 31st. It has been thought advisable to alter the procedure and make the last-named date the end of the year for all Library purposes. This Report for 1914-15 therefore covers the ten months only (excepting the financial statement) from June 1st, 1914, to March 31st, 1915, and is consequently incomplete as a year's record; but it will secure for future Annual Reports an agreement of financial and working statements hitherto not obtainable.

The Tables appended shew that in the Lending Library the Stock consists of 23,417 volumes, being a net gain of 612. Catalogued books in the Reference Library number 12,014, Reserve Stock 1,012, Unbound Pamphlets 860, Blue Books 1,332, Prints and Photographs, etc., 235.

Worn-out books were replaced by 475 volumes, 137 were withdrawn, and 708 were re-bound. The Total Stock therefore stands at 38,870 items.

The issues for the ten months numbered 131,394 volumes; the Lending Library figures being 119,937, and for the Reference Library 11,457. The Lending Library daily average was 528, against the previous year's 556, a much smaller decrease than might have been expected, many male borrowers having joined the Army, whilst other readers have been busily engaged in public and private effort rendered necessary by the War.

The number of Tickets in the hands of Borrowers on 31st March was 5,950. Included are 645 Students' Tickets, and 375 Juveniles' Tickets. None out of date or withdrawn are included in these figures.

The Library has of course been greatly affected by the War conditions. Early in the Autumn a large part of the Library premises was taken over for military use, soldiers were quartered in the building, and quite naturally some portions of our work were hindered. During the winter two Members of the Staff entered the Army, Mr. S. M. Bryant, my second Senior Assistant, joining the Durham Light Infantry, whilst another, W. Delaine, was enrolled in the Royal Field Artillery. Neither post was filled up, and it became necessary to leave over all work not immediately pressing, so that the ordinary facilities of the Library should be maintained and the requirements of the public service met as satisfactorily as possible. I am glad to say that, my Staff having heartily co-operated with me in this effort, there was no serious curtailment of the privileges of readers in either Library, though if the war conditions be long continued the postponed work will of course increase. But if borrowers and readers will be considerate and change their books during the less busy hours, it will help in preventing any delay which under the circumstances may otherwise be unavoidable at times.

The conditions under which this Report is issued, the change in the length of the period which it covers, the shortage of the staff, and the troubled aspect of the immediate future make it inadvisable for me to refer to any ideas or plans for further work at present; but I must record my firm conviction that in these anxious days the Library is found to be even more helpful and necessary by a large number of the inhabitants of the City than in ordinary times, and express the fervent hope that nothing

will be done that shall in any way limit its usefulness: In this connection I venture to suggest that the sum received from the Military should be at once expended in the much needed and long overdue cleaning and renovation of the building, or earmarked for that purpose, inasmuch as the ordinary Annual Income barely meets the Expenditure, and the Committee have no means of increasing it.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR H. FURNISH,

City Librarian.

Your Committee have again to acknowledge with thanks the gifts of Books, etc., by various friends of the Library whose names appear in the Appendix to this Report. The Collection of Portraits of Lord Mayors, Sheriffs, and other well-known Citizens has been strengthened by the addition, amongst others, of the late Dr. Tempest Anderson, J.P., large groups of the chief personages connected with the York Pageant of 1909, etc., and your Committee are hopeful that still further gifts of a similar kind may be received.

Your Committee think it right to place on record their great regret on the death of Mr. John Howard, who had given gratuitous service every year since the Public Library was established.

The Proprietors and Editors of local newspapers have again kindly assisted in making known to the public the many additions to the stock of books available for public use, and your Committee gratefully appreciate this assistance.

Your Committee have to report that during the year the Loan Debt has been reduced to £2,439 11s. 4d. On Revenue Account the Penny

Rate realised £1,660, and Rent of Class Rooms, Sales of Catalogues, Fines, Billeting of Troops, and miscellaneous receipts made the total income £1,934. 15s. od. Every effort has been made to secure economy, and the Expenditure, including the purchase of Books, amounted to £1,822 12s. 2d., leaving a surplus balance on the year of £112 2s. 10d., which has been transferred to the Book Purchasing Fund Account. This balance has resulted from the further postponement of the printing of Catalogues, for which £40 had been allocated, and from the payments made by the Military. A full financial statement appears in the printed Abstract of the Accounts of the York Corporation.

J. B. MORRELL,

24th August, 1915.

Chairman.

APPENDIX.

LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

Volumes in the Lending Library, 31st May, 1914 ... 22,805

Added since:—

By Purchase	...	...	...	...	741
„ Gift	...	...	...	...	25
„ Replacement	...	...	...	...	3
					769

23,574

Deduct:—

By Binding	...	...	...	...	5
„ Replacement	...	...	...	...	1
„ Withdrawal	...	...	...	...	137
„ Transfer	...	...	...	...	14
					157

Total Volumes in Stock, 31st March, 1915 ... 23,417

ANALYSIS OF LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock 31st May, 1914.		Stock, 31st March, 1915.	
	Works.	Volumes.	Works.	Volumes.
A Religion and Philosophy ...	1272	1353	1303	1384
B Biography, History ...	3004	3651	3066	3718
C Travel ...	1229	1306	1287	1366
D Arts, Science, &c. ...	3619	3735	3755	3872
F Fiction ...	7095	7303	7313	7522
G Poetry and the Drama ...	508	600	518	610
H Essays and General Literature ...	1735	1948	1755	1967
J Juvenile Literature of all Classes...	2909	2909	2978	2978
	21,371	22,805	21,975	23,417

REFERENCE LIBRARY—STOCK ACCOUNT.

Volumes in Stock, year ending 31st May, 1914...	...	...	11,721
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Added since :—

By Purchase	...	...	...	...	...	156
„ Gift	...	...	...	...	...	122
„ Transfer	...	...	...	...	...	15

293

12,014

Volumes in Reserve Stock ...	...	...	...	...	...	1,012
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Unbound Pamphlets	...	...	...	...	...	...	860
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Government Blue Books	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,332
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Miscellaneous Stock (Portraits, etc.)	...	...	...	...	235
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Volumes Finally Withdrawn	...	...	...	...	...	137
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Replaced 473 by 475

.,	Re-bound	...	...	...	...	...	...	708
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ANALYSIS OF REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.						Stock, 1914.	Stock, 1915.
0	General Works	...	...	...	...	2343	2388
1	Philosophy	...	...	...	...	135	136
2	Religion	...	...	...	...	682	693
3	Sociology	...	...	...	...	1100	1154
4	Philology	...	...	...	...	185	194
5	Natural Science	...	...	...	...	749	781
6	Useful Arts	...	...	...	...	546	568
7	Fine Arts	...	...	...	...	825	842
8	Literature	...	...	...	...	1611	1624
9	History, Biography, Travel	...	...	...	...	3545	3634
						11,721	12,014

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Braille.	TOTAL.	*Daily Average for Days Open.
1914—15.											
June... ..	61	221	168	540	4521	51	218	1326	19	7125	475
July	116	291	241	758	7220	76	314	2010	9	11035	451
August	106	321	227	653	7427	71	280	2215	27	11327	493
September	90	434	222	762	7509	76	319	2364	46	11822	493
October	152	501	215	1009	8250	104	374	2639	35	13279	542
November	123	454	230	916	7683	82	378	2520	18	12404	539
December	107	366	229	786	6887	65	343	2372	1	11156	507
January	153	452	295	904	8992	106	395	2990	45	14332	597
February	152	388	290	895	8418	150	371	2502	38	13204	601
March	185	375	332	978	8991	112	413	2833	34	14253	571
	1245	3803	2449	8201	75898	893	3405	23771	272	119937	528

Days open ... 227.

*Fractions not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

MONTHS.	0 General Works.	1 Philosophy.	2 Religion.	3 Sociology.	4 Philology.	5 Natural Science.	6 Useful Arts.	7 Fine Arts.	8 Literature.	9 History, Biography, Travel	TOTAL.
1914—15.											
June	479	...	14	35	27	56	62	68	32	144	917
July	547	4	25	81	5	61	42	68	21	203	1057
August	589	1	21	48	11	23	31	78	3	149	954
September	704	5	12	65	16	20	73	74	20	104	1093
October	687	3	21	40	22	49	67	70	29	130	1118
November	600	...	2	73	17	77	33	66	54	136	1058
December	587	1	16	33	20	48	43	108	43	90	989
January	771	...	35	55	25	70	44	90	33	133	1256
February	799	4	14	28	19	97	40	183	52	194	1430
March	896	16	44	54	39	90	89	92	76	189	1585
	6659	34	204	512	201	591	524	897	363	1472	11457

MAGAZINE ROOM ATTENDANCES, 1914-15.

MONTH.					Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
June...	...	...	...	...	25	5122	205
July ...	...	...	...	...	27	4023	149
August	...	...	...	...	25	3888	156
September	...	...	...	...	26	4118	158
October	...	...	...	...	27	5207	193
November	...	...	...	...	25	5041	202
December	...	...	...	...	24	4881	203
January	...	...	...	...	26	6145	236
February	...	...	...	...	24	5047	210
March	...	...	...	...	27	5907	219
					256	49,379	193

NEWS ROOM ATTENDANCES, 1914-15.

MONTH.					Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
June...	...	...	...	...	26	22,408	862
July ...	...	...	...	...	27	19,405	719
August	...	...	...	...	26	33,096	1273
September	...	...	...	...	26	36,346	1398
October	...	...	...	...	27	31,786	1177
November	...	...	...	...	25	31,949	1286
December	...	...	...	...	26	29,049	1117
January	...	...	...	...	26	27,709	1065
February	...	...	...	...	24	24,597	1025
March	...	...	...	...	27	30,494	1130
					260	286,839	1105

TABLE SHEWING NUMBER OF BORROWERS
ON MAY 31st, 1915.

Ordinary Tickets	...	...	...	4930
Student's	„	...	...	645
Juvenile	„	...	...	375
				<u>5950</u>

DONATIONS.

GIFTS have been received from the Agent-General for New South Wales; Mr. Yarborough Anderson, Scarborough; the Anglo-Continental Publishing Company, London; Animals' Friend Society, London; Mr. F. Arey, York; Mr. C. W. Armstrong, London; Mr. G. Benson, York; Messrs. J. Bibby & Sons, Liverpool; Mrs. James Birch, York; Mr. J. G. Butcher, K.C. M.P.; Board of Trade; British Museum; British Dominions Insurance Company, London; Messrs. A. Brown and Sons, York; Mr. R. W. Buss, London; Carnegie United Kingdom Trust; Catholic Record Society, London; Central Emigration Board, London; Channel Tunnel Committee; Consul-General for Paraguay; Messrs. Crane, Crane & Co., London; Messrs. Delittle, Fenwick & Co., York; Mrs. C. W. Dudley, London; Mr. L. Foster, York; General Managers of the Caledonian, Furness, Glasgow and South-Western, Great Central, Great Eastern, Great Northern, Great Western, Highland, London and North-Western, London and South-Western, North Eastern, and Chatham and South-Coast Railways; Mr. E. A. Gordon, London; Mr. Oxley Grabham, York; Mr. T. Gray, York; Alderman Norman Green, York; Mr. J. S. Hansom, London; Messrs. J. W. Harding & Co., Nottingham; Mrs. Hawkins, Haxby; Rev. J. W. Heaton, Bridport; Mr. A. Hemmens, York; High Commissioners for Australia, Canada, New Zealand; Sir V. Horsley, London; Humanitarian League, London; Institute of Chartered Accountants, London; Inverness Advertising Board; John Rylands Library, Manchester; Mr. C. J. Kleiser, York; Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., London; Messrs. Mather & Crowther, London; Councillor J. B. Morrell, (Lord Mayor), York; Messrs. Alex. Mathews & Co., London; National Health Insurance Commission; National Home Reading Union; National Union of Teachers; Mr. A. B. Norwood, York; Parliamentary Recruiting Committee; Messrs. J. & J. Paton, London; Mr. J. R. Penty, York; Principal of Royal (Dick) Veterinary College, Edinburgh; Mr. J. W. Proctor, York; Mr. F. G. Randall, London; Mr. H. Richardson, York; Mr. A. Rowntree, York; Mr. A. S. Rowntree, M.P., York; Mr. F. Rowntree, York; Mr. J. S. Rowntree, Harrogate; Royal Colonial Institute, London; Royal Insurance Company, Liverpool; Royal Society of Arts, London; Mr. M. Rymer, York; Messrs. Henry Sell & Co., London; Miss J. Shilleto, York; Dr. E. M. Smith, York; Smithsonian Institution, Washington; Messrs. Stanley Paul & Co., London; Stationery Office, London; Superintendent, Patents Office, London; Mr. G. Sykes, York; Mr. E. E. Taylor, Malton; Mr. R. Thompson, York; Town Clerk, York; Traders' Directories, Ltd., Edinburgh; Trinity College of Music, London; Universities of Dublin, Edinburgh, Leeds, Birmingham, and Liverpool; University Tutorial Press, Cambridge; Messrs. Vickers, London; Mr. A. Waddington, York; Mrs. Godfrey Walker; York Blue Coat Boys' and Grey Coat Girls' Charity Schools; York Branch of the N.S.P.C.C.; York Chamber of Commerce; York Charity Trustees; York Dispensary and Maternity Hospital; York Education Committee; York Health and Housing Reform Association; York Liberal Association; York (Micklegate Ward) Strays Trust; York University Extension Society; "Yorkshire Gazette"; "Yorkshire Herald"; Yorkshire Insurance Company; Yorkshire Philosophical Society.

PERIODICALS, NEWSPAPERS, ETC., FROM THE FOLLOWING:—Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, London; Board of Trade, London; Bootham School, York; Miss Carrington, Bristol; Chartered Institute of Secretaries, London; Chartered Institute of Accountants, London; Clark's College, London; Messrs. T. Cook & Son, London; Rt. Rev. Mons. Provost Dawson, York; Messrs. Delittle, Fenwick & Co., York; Emigrants' Information Office, London; Garden Cities Association; Mrs. Gray, Acomb; Mrs. E. Gray, York; Incorporated Society of Accountants and Auditors, London; Miss Key Jones, York; Mr. A. Leo, London; H.M. Patents Office, London; Miss Percy, York; Proportional Representation Society, London; Alderman E. W. Purnell, J.P., York; Railway Clerks' Association; Skerry's College, London; H.M. Stationery Office, London; Mr. L. Thompson, York; Mr. T. A. Waddington, York; Mr. Walter Waddington, York; Mr. Watts, York; Mrs. K. E. T. Wilkinson, York; York and District Teachers' Association; York Christian Science Society; York Conservative Association; York Equitable Industrial Society; York Free Church Council; York Liberal Association; York Musical Society; York Oddfellows' Society; York Temperance Society; York Theosophical Society; York Young Men's Christian Association; York University Extension Society; "Yorkshire Herald"; "Yorkshire Gazette"; the Editors and Publishers of various Trades Journals, and certain anonymous friends of the Library.

REPORTS OR BULLETINS, ETC., FROM THE FOLLOWING LIBRARIES:—Aberdeen, Accrington, Ashton-under-Lyne, Baltimore (U.S.A.), Barrow-in-Furness, Batley, Belfast, Beverley, Birmingham, Blackburn, Bolton, Bootle, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Brooklyn (Pratt Institute, N.Y., U.S.A.), Bury, Buxton, Cambridge, Cheltenham, Cork, Coventry, Derby, Dewsbury, Dundee, Eastbourne, Edinburgh, Gateshead, Gloucester, Grand Rapids (U.S.A.), Hornsey, Hove, Huddersfield, Hyde, Ilkley, Ipswich, Keighley, Kettering, Kidderminster, Leeds, Leeds Institute, Leicester, Leyton, Lincoln, Liverpool, London—Battersea, Chelsea, Cripplegate Institute, Croydon, Kensal Rise, Kingston-upon-Thames, Shoreditch, Southwark, Wandsworth, Westminster, Willesden Green, Willesden (Kilburn); Los Angeles (U.S.A.), Loughborough, Middlesbrough, New York, Astor Lennox, (U.S.A.), Newark-on-Trent, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Northampton, Norwich, Nottingham, Oldbury, Osaka (Japan), Penarth, Plymouth, Preston, Providence (U.S.A.), Rochdale, St. Helens, Salem (U.S.A.), Salford, Smethwick, Taunton, Walthamstow, Watford, West Bromwich, West Hartlepool, Whitehaven, Wigan, Windsor (Canada), Workington.

LIST OF NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS SUPPLIED TO THE READING ROOMS.

Those marked * are presented.

DAILY.

*Birmingham Daily Post
Daily Chronicle
Daily Dispatch
Daily Express
Daily Mail
Daily Mirror
Daily News and Leader
Daily Sketch
Daily Telegraph
Eastern Morning News
Financial News
Freeman's Journal
Glasgow Herald
Irish Times
Leeds Mercury
Liverpool Mercury
Manchester Guardian

Morning Post
Newcastle Chronicle
North Mail
*North Star
Northern Echo
*Nottingham Daily Express
Scotsman
Sheffield Daily Independent
Sheffield Daily Telegraph
Standard
Times
Yorkshire Daily Observer
Yorkshire Evening News
Yorkshire Evening Press
Yorkshire Evening Post
Yorkshire Herald
Yorkshire Post

WEEKLY.

Amateur Gardening
Amateur Photographer
Architects' and Builders' Journal
Athenæum
*Australian Official Journal of
Patents
*Australian Official Journal of
Trade Marks
*Auto-Motor Journal
*Banner of Israel
*Board of Trade Journal
British Journal of Photography
*British Weekly
Broad Arrow
Builder
Cabinet Maker
*Catholic Fireside
Christian Commonwealth
*Christian Science Sentinel
*Christian World
*Civil Service Candidate
Clarion
*Clarke's Educator
*Co-operative News
Country Life
*Cumberland Pacquet
Cycling

Economist
Electrical Review
Engineer
English Mechanic
Era
Exchange and Mart (twice per
week)
Feathered World
Field
*Flight
Gentlewoman
Graphic
*Homefinder
Hospital
Illustrated London News
*Illustrated Official Journal
(Patents)
Illustrated Sporting and
Dramatic News
*India
*Investors' Guardian
*Irish Catholic
*Isle of Wight Guardian
Labour Leader
Lady
Lady's Pictorial
Land and Water

WEEKLY—(Continued).

Live Stock Journal	Railway Review
Lloyd's Shipping Gazette	*Sanitary Record
*Local Government Chronicle	Saturday Review
*Local Government Journal	Saturday Westminster Gazette
*London County Council Gazette	Schoolmaster
*Midland Counties Herald	Schoolmistress
*Morecambe Visitor	*Shop Assistant
*Motor Traction	Sketch
Municipal Journal	Spectator
Nation	Sphere
Nature	Statist
New Statesman	*Suffragette
*New Zealand Patents Office	T.P.'s Weekly
Journal	*Tablet
Notes and Queries	Tatler
Nursing Mirror	*Trade Marks Journal
*People	Truth
Phonetic Journal	*Two Worlds
*Pocklington News	*Whitby Gazette
*Poultry	*Whitby Times
*Practical Engineer	Work
Public Opinion	World
Punch	Yorkshire Gazette
Queen	Yorkshire Herald
Railway Gazette	Yorkshire Weekly Post
Railway News	

MONTHLY.

*Aeronautics	*Deliverer
*Agricultural Economist	Fortnightly Review
*Animal World	*Free Church Chronicle
*Animals' Friend	Fry's Magazine
*Animals' Guardian	*Garden Cities and Town
Architectural Review	Planning
Army List	Geographical Journal
*Arms and Explosives	Girls' Own Paper
*Board of Trade Labour Gazette	Harper's Magazine
Bookman	*Herald of Peace
Boys' Own Paper	*Home
Bradshaw	*Insurance Agent and
*British Esperantist	Insurance Review
British Printer	*Journal of the Board of
Century Magazine	Agriculture
Chambers's Journal	*Journal of the Clerk of Works
*Christian Science Journal	Association
*Church Gazette	Knowledge
*Commonwealth	Ladies' Home Journal
Connoisseur	*Liberal Magazine
Contemporary Review	*Liberal Monthly
Cornhill Magazine	*Liberator
Country Side	London Magazine
*Covenant People	*Moravian Missions
*Decorator	Musical Herald

MONTHLY—(Continued).

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|-----------------------------|---|
| Musical Times | St. Nicholas Magazine |
| *Nation in Arms | Scribner's Magazine |
| *National Church | *Secretary |
| National Review | Strand Magazine |
| *New Church Magazine | Studio |
| Nineteenth Century | *Theosophist |
| *Notes from Ireland | *Tongues of Fire |
| *Oddfellows' Magazine | *United Empire |
| Pall Mall Magazine | *University Correspondent |
| *Patents | *Vulcan |
| Pearson's Magazine | *War and Peace |
| *Positivist Review | *Warrant Officers' and Naval
Journal |
| Printer's Ink | Windsor Magazine |
| Quiver | *Wireless World |
| *Railway Clerk | Woodworker |
| Reporter's Journal | World's Work |
| *Return of Deaths of Seamen | *Zoophilist |
| Review of Reviews | |
| Royal Magazine | |

QUARTERLY.

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| *Anti-Slavery Reporter | Navy List |
| *Bird Notes and News | *Northern British-Israel Review |
| *Bootham | *Our Race Quarterly |
| Edinburgh Review | *Peterite |
| English Historical Review | Progress |
| *Herald of the Golden Age | Quarterly Review |
| Hibbert Journal | Socialist Review |
| *National Home Reading Union
Magazine | *Sphinx |

OCCASIONAL.

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| *Colonial Journals, etc. | *Railway Time Tables, Guides,
etc. |
| *Directories, Calendars, etc. | |

NOTES.

Population of the City, 1911	...	...	...	...	...	82,297
Library Rate, one penny in the pound.						
Library Act Adopted 15th October, 1891.						
News Room Opened 1st August, 1892.						
Library Opened by H.R.H. The Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.						
Library Stock (Lending) at Opening (in Vols.)	...	...	...	...	...	10,417
„ „ „ at present time	...	...	...	...	...	23,417
Reference Stock	...	...	...	...	...	12,014
Reserve Stock	...	...	...	...	...	1,012
Blue Books	...	...	...	...	...	1,332
Pamphlets (Unbound)	...	...	...	...	...	860
Miscellaneous (Portraits, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	235
Present number of Tickets in use (including 375 Juveniles)...						5,950

York Institute (now the Public Library) acquired by York Corporation,
1st September, 1891.

York Institute Foundation Stone laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales,
18th July, 1883. Opened by The Marquis of Lorne, June 10th, 1885.





CITY OF YORK.



TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL REPORT
OF THE
PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE,
1915-1916.



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1916.

CITY OF YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY.



Committee for 1915-1916.

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CITY OF YORK.

TWENTY-THIRD GENERAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Public Library Committee have satisfaction in approving the following Report of the City Librarian on the working of the Library for the year ending the 31st March, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Library Committee.

GENTLEMEN,

For the reason stated in the Report issued for 1914-15, the period covered therein included ten months only. This year the results for the twelve months ending March 31st are given, but obviously a real comparison of the work for each of the last two years cannot be made. I propose to make this Report as brief as possible, because of the abnormal circumstances caused by the War, which have made it very difficult for most Libraries to maintain their work unimpaired. In our own case, everything has been subordinated to the one effort of keeping the facilities of the Library available to the public without any curtailment whatever, and this, I am glad to say, has been accomplished up to the present time, though I could wish that the public would help us a little more, as far as convenient, by exchanging their books during the less busy hours of the day. Since the last

Report was issued, the Staff has been still further reduced by the resignation of Mr. J. Walsh, who left to take up a post in an Army Department Office, and the scarcity of suitable Boy Assistants has also added to the difficulties of administration. All work that could be postponed has necessarily been held over, as the senior vacancies created have not been filled up, but are kept open for the return of men at the close of the War.

War conditions have of course affected our Statistics, as in the case of other Libraries throughout the country. The Stock Account shews that during the year there was a net gain of 415 vols. in the Lending Library, bringing the total up to 23,832 vols., and in the Reference Library the net gain was 229, altering the total to 12,243 catalogued items. The Reserve Stock is now 1,023, Unbound Pamphlets number 968, Blue Books 1,375, Prints and Photographs, etc., 241. The total Stock is therefore 39,682 items, as against 38,870. The worn-out Books replaced were 340, and those withdrawn numbered 240.

The recorded Issues for the twelve months were 156,574, of which the Lending Library, with an average of 503 per day, issued 140,885, and the Reference Library 15,689. But it has to be remembered that much work is done in the Reference Library without being recorded.

The Borrowers' Tickets in use have dropped from 5,950 to 5,819. Those known as Students' Tickets number 602, and the Juveniles' 406. All out of date or cancelled Tickets are excluded from these figures. Applications by post for books unduly detained numbered 701, in some cases requiring much further enquiry by messengers, and 7,653 Fines were levied.

Under the circumstances no fresh developments have been possible, though endeavours have been made by personal service, by the issuing of book lists, often kindly reproduced in the local newspapers by the courtesy of their Editors, and other efforts to

continue the assistance to readers which it is the desire of myself and my Staff to render at all times when possible.

Further information appears, as usual, in the Appendix.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR H. FURNISH,

City Librarian.

Your Committee report that during the year the Loan Debt has been reduced to £2,335 7s. 7d. The Penny Rate realised £1,670, and Rent of Class Rooms, Sales of Catalogues, Fines, Billeting of Troops and Miscellaneous Receipts brought the total income to £1,905. It has always been necessary to exercise great economy in the administration of the Library funds, but during the year every expense that could be postponed has been avoided, so that the expenditure amounted to £1,689 18s. 11d., leaving a surplus balance of £215 1s. 1d., transferred to the Book Purchasing Fund Account. A full Financial Statement appears in the printed Abstract of the Accounts of the York Corporation.

During the year Classes for the Instruction of Students in the Making of Munitions, and Classes for the Commercial Education of Women have been carried on by the Education Committee of the Corporation in some of the rooms of the Library building, and the City Librarian's Addresses to School Children and other work had again to be abandoned.

Gifts of Books, &c., have been received from various friends of the Library during the year, the names of the Donors appear-

ing in the Appendix to this Report, and to them and to the Editors of the local newspapers your Committee tender grateful acknowledgment.

Though it may more properly concern the transactions of the year following that for which this Report is made, your Committee cannot refrain from recording the generous offer of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trustees, made after due consideration of your Committee's application, to grant a sum of £12,000 for the erection in York of a suitable Library building. This offer was reported and gratefully accepted at the Meeting of your Committee held on the 21st March last, and duly approved by your Council at the April Meeting. Your Committee have now under consideration the important question of the provision of a suitable site, and they trust that, though the work of erection is to be postponed until the close of the war, a building really worthy of the object and creditable to the City may result.

J. B. MORRELL.

18th July, 1916.

Chairman.

APPENDIX.



LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

Volumes in the Lending Library, 31st March, 1915	...	...	23,417
Added since :—			
By Purchase	...	...	641
„ Gift	...	...	15
		—	656
			24,073
Deduct :—			
By Withdrawal	...	...	240
„ Transfer	...	...	1
		—	241
Total Volumes in Stock, 31st March, 1916	...	...	23,832

ANALYSIS OF LENDING LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.	Stock 31st March, 1915.		Stock 31st March, 1916.	
	Works.	Volumes.	Works.	Volumes.
A Religion and Philosophy	1303	1384	1331	1412
B Biography, History	3066	3718	3138	3791
C Travel	1288	1366	1320	1398
D Arts, Sciences, &c.	3755	3872	3853	3970
F Fiction	7313	7522	7461	7670
G Poetry and the Drama	518	610	532	624
H Essays and General Literature...	1755	1967	1709	1921
J Juvenile Literature of all Classes	2978	2978	3046	3046
	21,976	23,417	22,390	23,832

REFERENCE LIBRARY—STOCK ACCOUNT.

Volumes in Stock, year ending 31st March, 1915	...	...	12,014
Added since :—			
By Purchase	...	...	131
„ Gift	...	...	97
„ Transfer	...	...	1
			229
			12,243
Volumes in Reserve Stock	...	...	1,023
Unbound Pamphlets	...	...	968
Government Blue Books	...	...	1,375
Miscellaneous Stock (Portraits, &c.)	...	...	241
Volumes Finally Withdrawn	...	...	240
„ Replaced	...	...	340
„ Re-bound	...	...	635

ANALYSIS OF REFERENCE LIBRARY STOCK.

CLASS.						Stock, 1915.	Stock, 1916.
0	General Works	...	...	...	...	2388	2430
1	Philosophy	...	...	...	...	136	137
2	Religion	...	...	...	...	693	718
3	Sociology	...	...	...	...	1154	1176
4	Philology	...	...	...	...	194	195
5	Natural Science	...	...	...	...	781	791
6	Useful Arts	...	...	...	...	568	588
7	Fine Arts	...	...	...	...	842	875
8	Literature	...	...	...	...	1624	1647
9	History, Biography, Travel	...	...	...	...	3634	3686
						12,014	12,243

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—LENDING LIBRARY.

MONTH.	A Theology, Philosophy	B Biography, History.	C Travel.	D Arts and Sciences.	F Fiction.	G Poetry & the Drama.	H Essays and General Literature.	J Juvenile Literature.	Braille.	Total.	*Daily Average for Days Open.
1915—16.											
April ...	183	352	327	843	7779	115	363	2480	15	12457	579
May...	108	347	229	757	7368	81	299	2262	24	11475	499
June...	152	302	198	736	6659	82	268	1888	38	10323	430
July ...	132	347	207	721	7289	73	309	1851	33	10962	447
August ...	144	279	172	697	6724	50	233	1752	16	10067	438
September ...	127	315	223	746	7116	59	272	1711	22	10591	451
October ...	122	404	230	903	8319	88	335	2259	32	12692	529
November ...	169	408	262	838	7728	98	303	2253	42	12101	504
December ...	86	360	264	651	6891	88	311	2112	55	10818	503
January ...	174	444	286	816	8559	100	310	2637	57	13383	558
February ...	147	368	248	741	7855	94	336	2596	35	12420	540
March ...	142	453	286	830	8421	101	353	3000	10	13596	555
	1686	4379	2932	9279	90708	1029	3692	26801	379	140885	503

Days open ... 280.

*Fractions not shewn.

NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED—REFERENCE LIBRARY.

MONTHS.	0 General Works.	1 Philosophy.	2 Religion.	3 Sociology.	4 Philology.	5 Natural Science.	6 Useful Arts.	7 Fine Arts.	8 Literature.	9 History, Biography, Travel	Total.
1915—16.											
April ...	766	...	24	34	16	51	50	97	46	144	1228
May ...	849	4	14	67	63	51	47	108	40	141	1384
June ...	847	1	6	35	22	117	45	71	61	128	1333
July ...	804	10	24	75	16	63	70	87	27	210	1386
August ...	696	5	31	32	33	85	57	79	42	130	1190
September ...	777	19	17	30	28	61	46	101	21	90	1190
October ...	673	45	18	42	25	123	108	141	37	188	1400
November ...	661	4	30	58	38	83	106	151	59	98	1288
December ...	597	...	24	34	10	44	88	59	57	121	1034
January ...	772	3	32	54	27	96	125	109	45	158	1421
February ...	765	1	74	24	26	60	87	112	46	140	1335
March ...	793	1	19	26	49	140	88	109	54	221	1500
	9000	93	313	511	353	974	917	1224	535	1769	15689

MAGAZINE ROOM ATTENDANCES, 1915—16.

MONTH.					Days Open.	Total Attendances.	Daily Average.
April	...	...	...	...	25	4882	203
May	...	...	...	...	25	3805	152
June	...	...	...	...	26	2592	100
July	...	...	...	...	27	4505	167
August	...	...	...	...	25	3667	147
September	...	...	...	...	26	3302	127
October	...	...	...	...	26	3757	145
November	...	...	...	...	26	4411	170
December	...	...	...	...	24	4312	180
January	...	...	...	...	26	5494	211
February	...	...	...	...	25	6146	245
March	...	...	...	...	27	5213	193
					308	52,086	169

NEWS ROOM ATTENDANCES, 1915—16.

MONTH.					Days Open.	Total Attendances	Daily Average.
April	...	...	...	...	25	25,000	1000
May	...	...	...	...	26	23,469	903
June	...	...	...	...	26	21,861	841
July	...	...	...	...	27	21,041	779
August	...	...	...	...	26	18,465	710
September	...	...	...	...	26	19,084	734
October	...	...	...	...	26	18,980	730
November	...	...	...	...	26	17,523	674
December	...	...	...	...	24	15,061	628
January	...	...	...	...	26	17,871	687
February	...	...	...	...	25	17,460	698
March	...	...	...	...	27	19,221	712
					310	235,036	758

TABLE SHEWING NUMBER OF BORROWERS
ON MARCH 31st, 1916.

Ordinary Tickets	...	...	...	...	4811
Students	„	...	...	...	602
Juvenile	„	...	...	...	406
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DAILY.

*Birmingham Daily Post
Daily Chronicle
Daily Dispatch
Daily Express
Daily Mail
Daily Mirror
Daily News and Leader
Daily Sketch
Daily Telegraph
Eastern Morning News
Financial News
Freeman's Journal
Glasgow Herald
Irish Times
L'Independence Belge
Leeds Mercury
Liverpool Mercury

Manchester Guardian
Morning Post
Newcastle Chronicle
North Mail
*North Star
Northern Echo
*Nottingham Daily Express
Scotsman
Sheffield Daily Independent
Sheffield Daily Telegraph
Times
Yorkshire Daily Observer
Yorkshire Evening News
Yorkshire Evening Post
Yorkshire Evening Press
Yorkshire Herald
Yorkshire Post

WEEKLY.

Amateur Gardening
Amateur Photographer
Architects' and Builders'
Athenæum [Journal
*Australian Official Patents
*Australian Official Trade
*Banner of Israel [Marks
*Board of Trade Journal
British Journal of Photo-
*British Weekly [graphy
Broad Arrow
Builder
Cabinet Maker
*Catholic Times
Christian Commonwealth
*Christian Science Sentinel
*Christian World
*Church Family Newspaper

*Civil Service Candidate
Clarion
*Clarke's Educator
*Co-operative News
Country Life
Cycling
Economist
Electrical Review
Engineer
English Mechanic
Era
Exchange & Mart (twice per
Feathered World [week)
Field
*Flight
Gentlewoman
Graphic
*Guardian

WEEKLY—(Continued).

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| Hospital | * Practical Engineer |
| Illustrated London News | Public Opinion |
| * Illustrated Official Journal | Punch |
| (Patents) | Queen |
| Illustrated Sporting and | Railway Gazette |
| Dramatic News | Railway News |
| * India | Railway Review |
| Labour Leader | * Sanitary Record |
| Lady | Saturday Review |
| Lady's Pictorial | Saturday Westminster |
| Land and Water | Schoolmaster |
| Live Stock Journal | Schoolmistress |
| Lloyd's Shipping List | Scout |
| * Local Government Chronicle | * Shop Assistant |
| * London County Council | Sketch |
| Gazette | Spectator |
| * Midland Counties Herald | Sphere |
| * Motor Traction | Statist |
| Municipal Journal | * Tablet |
| Nation | Tatler |
| Nature | * Trade Marks Journal |
| New Statesman | Truth |
| * New Zealand Patents Office | * Two Worlds |
| Journal | * Whitby Times and Gazette |
| Notes and Queries | Work |
| Nursing Mirror | World |
| * People | Yorkshire Gazette |
| Phonetic Journal | Yorkshire Weekly Herald |
| * Pocklington News | Yorkshire Weekly Post |

MONTHLY.

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| * Abolitionist | Boys' Own Paper |
| * Agricultural Economist | Bradshaw |
| * Animal World | * British Esperantist |
| * Animals' Friend | British Printer |
| * Animals' Guardian | Century Magazine |
| Architectural Review | Chambers's Journal |
| Army List (suspended) | * Christian Science Journal |
| * Arms and Explosives | * Church Gazette |
| * Board of Trade Labour | * Commonwealth |
| Gazette | Connoisseur |
| Bookman | Contemporary Review |

MONTHLY—(Continued).

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| Cornhill Magazine | * Oddfellows' Magazine |
| * Covenant People | * Patents |
| Decorator | Pearson's Magazine |
| Fortnightly Review | * Positivist Review |
| * Free Church Chronicle | Printers' Ink |
| * Garden Cities and Town | Quiver |
| Planning | * Railway Clerk |
| Geographical Journal | Reporter's Journal |
| Girls' Own Paper | * Return of Deaths of Seamen |
| * Herald of Peace | Review of Reviews |
| * Home | Royal Magazine |
| * Insurance Agent | St. Nicholas Magazine |
| * Journal of the Board of | * Secretary |
| Agriculture | Strand Magazine |
| * Journal of the Clerk of Works | Studio |
| Association | * Theosophist |
| Knowledge | * Tongues of Fire |
| Ladies' Home Journal | * United Empire |
| * Liberal Magazine | * University Correspondent |
| * Liberal Monthly | * Vulcan |
| * Moravian Missions | * War and Peace |
| Musical Times | * Warrant Officers' Journal |
| * National Church | Windsor Magazine |
| National Review | * Wireless World |
| * New Church Magazine | Woodworker |
| Nineteenth Century | World's Work |
| * Notes from Ireland | * Zoophilist |

QUARTERLY.

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| * Anti-Slavery Reporter | Navy List |
| * Bird Notes and News | * Northern British-Israel |
| * Bootham | * Our Race Quarterly [Review] |
| Edinburgh Review | * Peterite |
| English Historical Review | Progress |
| * Herald of the Golden Age | Quarterly Review |
| Hibbert Journal | Round Table |
| National Home Reading | Socialist Review |
| Union Magazines | * Sphinx |

OCCASIONAL.

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| * Colonial Journals, etc. | Railway Time Tables, |
| * Directories, Calendars, etc. | Guides, etc. |

NOTES.

Population of the City, 1911	....	....	....	82,297
Library Rate, one penny in the pound.				
Library Act adopted 15th October, 1891.				
News Room opened 1st August, 1892.				
Library opened by H.R.H. The Duke of York, 5th October, 1893.				
Library Stock (Lending) at opening (in Vols.)	....			10,417
" " " at present time	....	....		23,832
Reference Stock	....	....	....	12,243
Reserve Stock	....	....	....	1,023
Blue Books	....	....	....	1,375
Pamphlets (Unbound)	....	...	....	968
Miscellaneous (Portraits, etc.)				241
Present number of Tickets in use (including 406 Juveniles)				5,819

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York Institute Foundation Stone laid by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, 18th July, 1883. Opened by The Marquis of Lorne, 10th June, 1885.

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